

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

### Head Teachers Message:

A very warm welcome to all our new starters in both F1 and F2 - how smart you all looked this week walking onto the playground in your uniform for the first time. All the staff are very impressed with how smart all the children look this week. A polite reminder to label all uniform to ensure it is returned to you at the end of the day. We are slowly returning to pre-Covid normality and today we had our first whole school assembly where we were able to sing again together, which was wonderful. What an exciting year we have planned!

### Start and Finish Times:

As a reminder of our usual start and finish times children should arrive and be collected at the following times.



- **Foundation 1 AM - 8.30am – 11.30am**
- **Foundation 1 PM - 12.25pm – 3.25pm**
- **Foundation 1 All Day - 8.30am – 3.25pm**
- **Foundation 2 – Year 6 - 8.50am – 3.30pm**

The main school gates will open at 8.30am, children are expected to line up in the playground and wait to be escorted to the classrooms by one of the classroom staff. Children are no longer able to enter the classrooms as soon as they arrive as the classroom staff will be outside so there will be no supervision. The only time that there may be an exception to this, is if we are experiencing severe weather conditions. Staff will be in the school yard from the gates opening, to meet and greet the children, as well as supervise behaviour on the playground.

### Attendance:

As schools are returning to normal, following the last 18 months of disruption, we are now required to revert back to strict attendance monitoring and reporting. We have strict guidelines from the Local Authority and Department for Education to adhere to with regards to reporting and ensuring that children are in attendance on a regular basis. It is the expectation that children attend school and arrive on time on a daily basis. We appreciate and understand that this is not always possible as we all suffer from illness and with Covid-19 still having an impact on our lives, so with this in mind, we would like to set a target for pupils to achieve a minimum of 96%.



Late marks will also be monitored – all class registers close within 10 minutes of the start of the school day, meaning all registers will be closed by 9am. Anyone arriving after 9 will be reported as late, and anyone arriving after 9.30am will be reported as an unauthorised late, there are some exemptions to this rule, i.e. medical appointments but evidence will be required and authorisation a mark for a late child is at the Head's discretion.

A high level of absence and late marks may result in Penalty Notices being issued by the local authority.

### Covid-19

With the changes to the guidelines regarding Covid-19, we would just like to assure parents that we are continuing to following the latest guidance supplied by the Department of Education to ensure that the community remain safe. Where questions arise regarding Covid in School, we will seek advice where necessary. The new isolation rules state that people do not need to self-isolate if they are fully vaccinated or under the age of 18 years, 6 months unless they are contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service.

If you have any concerns or need further advice with regards to Coronavirus or isolation, please contact the NHS Advice line on 111

## Let's School Policies, Concerns and Support

Work

Together

We would like to remind all our families that we are here to help and support with any issues that may arise with regards to your child's time at St Joseph's. We have several policies in place, all which are available on our website, to help guide and protect everyone within the school community. We would ask that anyone who has any concerns or issues to speak to any member of the school staff. If they are unable to assist in the first instance, they will be able to direct you to a more appropriate person. Alternatively, you can contact the school office by telephone, or emailing [office@st-joseph-pri.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-joseph-pri.notts.sch.uk).

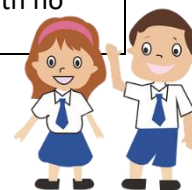
With the return to school we would like to bring to your attention the following policies, which we will be monitoring closely this year;

**Behaviour:** We have high expectations in relation to the behaviour of the whole of the St Joseph's Community and where actions breach the school's policies, sanctions will be made. Actions which include but are not exclusive to- violence, intimidation, racism, use of inappropriate language are **NOT** acceptable and will **NOT** be tolerated. Any person who we believe to be behaving inappropriately will be spoken to, sanctions applied and where necessary parents informed.



**Uniform:** We expect all children to be in school wearing the correct uniform:

School Uniform	PE Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charcoal Grey or Black – Trousers, Shorts, Skirts or Pinafore Dresses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White T-Shirt (plain or with the school logo)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White Shirt or Blouse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plain Black or Navy Shorts or Jogging Bottoms</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Tie</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black Plimsolls or Trainers</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navy Jumper or Cardigan (with or without the school logo)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter tracksuit for outside PE (plain with no slogans etc)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grey, Black or White Socks</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black Shoes – No Trainers</li> </ul>	



### Communication:

General communications are not normally sent to parents in paper form for environmental purposes. Instead we have two electronic communication systems in school; ParentMail and MarvellousMe.



**ParentMail** will be used for communication with regards to items with a financial implication i.e. School Dinners, Wrap Around Care, Trips and Events. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to accept cash in the school office, except for charity purposes, all payments need to be made through ParentMail.

**MarvellousMe** will be used for rewarding children and sending positive messages home along with general communication, such as newsletters and logging reading activities from home.



We would not like anyone to miss out on opportunities, therefore, if you have any issues with setting up these accounts or using them, please speak to either Kerry or Tammy in the school office and they will be happy to assist. If you do not have access to a smartphone or device, we will be happy to put something in place to support you.

### Wrap Around Care Provision

A reminder of the provisions we have in place to support our families with childcare before and after school.



- Early Birds Breakfast Club – 8.15am – 8.50am – £0.50 per day
- Breakfast Club – 7.30am – 8.50am - £2.00 per day
- After School Club (Full Session) – 3.30pm – 5.45pm - £6.00 per day
- After School Club (Half Session) – 3.30pm – 4.45pm - £2.50 per day
- After School Club (Half Session) – 4.30pm – 5.45pm - £3.50 per day
- Full Wrap Around Care – Breakfast Club 7.30am – 8.50am & After School Club 3.30pm – 5.45pm - £7.00 per day



**Any parent that wishes to book their child for any of the sessions, need to complete the 2021/2022 registration. Once the registration form is complete, parents can book the provision they require through the ParentMail App. Copies of the registration forms can be collected from the office or staff in the clubs.**