



St Joseph's

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Dear Parents & Carers

Return to school – 2020/21

Further to [Mrs Lazell's letter sent to you on 13th July](#), please find further details regarding the full re-opening of St Joseph's from Thursday 3rd September 2020. This is in line with the latest government guidance.

All children in Years 1 – 6 return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2020. Staggered start and finish times will be in place. We ask that – where possible – just one adult drops off and collects children, and these times are adhered to in order to reduce congestion at and around the school's main entrance. Unfortunately, parents and carers will not be able to come onto school premises at present without an invitation. Any meetings will be held virtually as much as possible. If you have children in different year groups, you may drop off all of your children at the youngest child's start time and collect all of your children at the eldest child's pick-up time.

	Start/Drop-off Time	Finish/Pick-up Time
Reception	Week 1 - 09:30 Week 2 - 09:30 Week 3 - 09:00	11:30 13:30 15:00
Year 1	08:30	15:10
Year 2	08:40	15:20
Year 3	08:50	15:30
Year 4	09:10	15:40
Year 5	09:20	15:50
Year 6	09:30	16:00

Response to any infection

Parents/Carers and staff will be expected to engage in the track and trace process if required to do so. If a child develops any of the symptoms related to COVID-19, their parent/carers will be contacted immediately and they will be isolated with a member of staff. Parents/carers will be expected to collect their child from school as soon as possible, book a test and follow the 'stay at home' regulations. As a school, we will maintain contact with the symptomatic family and provide appropriate support.

Face masks and coverings

If your child/children wear a face mask or covering on their journey to school, we ask that you provide a sealable bag for these on removal. Lidded bins will be available for disposable masks, if required. Anti-bacterial hand gel will be available for the removal of masks/coverings. Sealable bags should be kept in school bags until the end of the school.

Lunches

For the first half term on our return to school, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and those entitled to a free school meal in Year 3 – Year 6 will be provided with a school-made packed

lunch. All other families who require a school-made packed lunch can order and pay for these in the usual way, via our ParentPay system

The packed lunch menu will be repeated on a weekly basis. [Please submit your child/children's daily choices using this link](#). Please note that separate forms will need completing for each child by Tuesday 1st September. If we do not receive a completed form, we will assume that your child/children will be provided with their own packed lunch from home.

Children in Years 1 – Year 6 will eat a packed lunch in their classrooms and Reception will eat their lunch in the hall. We will keep this under review with our school meal contractors, GS Plus, during the Autumn 1 term.

Uniform & PE kits

Children should return in full school uniform – [details can be found here](#).

From Monday 7th September, children in Years 1 – 6 will have two timetabled PE lessons each week: one will be held on a Wednesday and second lesson will be on a day that your child's class teacher will inform you of when children are back at school.

On days when PE takes place, children should attend school in their PE kit, **in addition to their St Joseph's sweatshirt:**

White round neck T-shirt (plain or St Joseph's

Plain black/navy shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms

Black plimsolls or trainers

Plain socks

Any child not wearing the correct PE kit will be asked to change into kit borrowed from school.

All uniform with the school logo can be purchased via the school office.

Support for Parents

The Department for Education has provided some further support for parents that can be found at www.gov.uk/backtoschool

Our school office will be open from Wednesday 2nd September. Should you wish to make contact, please email support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk.

We very much look forward to all the children returning and our community reconnecting in September – [click here for a video message from all the staff](#).

Thank you for your continued support.



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