



Welcome back to school

21st August 2020

Dear children, parents and carers

We are so excited to be welcoming you back on the 3rd September and to all the wonderful things, we will achieve this year. I know you will have many questions and I hope the following information will answer them. Please do not worry, we are here to support you with your wellbeing and learning and ensure you will have an amazing year ahead.

The school day

You will be in your year group bubbles. Start, finish and break times will be staggered and you will have the chance to spend time with other children in your year, but not in other year groups. Listed below are the start and finish times.

Class	Start	Finish		Class	Start	Finish
NURSERY	9.00 A.M.	3.00 P.M.		3LJ	9.00 A.M.	3.20 P.M.
RECEPTION	9.00 A.M.	3.00 P.M.		3SP	9.00 A.M.	3.20 P.M.
1S	8.50 A.M.	2.50 P.M.		4U	8.50 A.M.	2.50 P.M.
1E	8.50 A.M.	2.50 P.M.		4DM	8.50 A.M.	2.50 P.M.
2J	8.40 A.M.	2.40 P.M.		5B	8.40 A.M.	3.10 P.M.
2O	8.40 A.M.	2.40 P.M.		5C	8.40 A.M.	3.10 P.M.
				6P	8.20 A.M.	3.00 P.M.
				6W	8.30 A.M.	3.00 P.M.

ENTRY AND EXIT FROM SCHOOL FOR INFANT CHILDREN- NURSERY, YEARS 1 & 2

Start of the day

Infant Children (Nursery, Reception, years 1 and 2)

- Children must enter via the Infant playground entrance on CROWN DALE
- Staff will be at the double gates to welcome you and your child
- Please take your child to their classroom door and exit via the path leading to the Infant gate at Woodend.

Infant Parents with children in the junior school should drop of infant children first then exit via the Infant gate at Woodend and then take the junior children to the junior gate at Woodend. Kindly ensure that only one adult accompanies each child to limit numbers of adults on site.

End of the day

- Please enter via the infant playground gates on CROWN DALE
- Collect your child from their classroom door. There will be a queuing system in the playground and you will need to maintain the required one metre distance from other adults
- Exit via the infant gate on Woodend.
- Parents collecting junior children must then enter the junior gate at Woodend, proceed to the junior playground and wait in the allocated area.

ENTRY AND EXIT FROM SCHOOL FOR JUNIOR CHILDREN - (YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Start of the day

- Please bring your child to the junior gate at Woodend where a member of staff will welcome them. Parents will need to remain at the junior gate.
- Children will walk through the junior playground, supervised by staff.
- Years 5 and 6 will enter the building via the entrance on the playground.
- Years 3 and 4 will continue through the playground and enter via the year 3 and 4 entrance, opposite the garden hall.

We ask that you do not come into school in the morning, to minimise the number of people on site. If you need to contact the school office, please email or call.

End of the day - JUNIOR CHILDREN

- Please enter via the junior gate on Woodend and make your way into the junior playground.
- Only one adult to pick up each child, to limit the number of people on site.
- Kindly wait at the allocated point of collection for your child's class.
- Please collect your child and leave the premises as soon as possible.

Please DO NOT congregate outside school to wait for your friends. It is important that you do not mix outside of your year group. To minimise the risk of infection, year groups will be kept separate in their zones with interactions kept to a minimum. We have introduced one-way systems around the school site and in the school buildings.

The curriculum

We have revised our curriculum to include new engaging texts to reflect the diversity of our society. Texts have been chosen from different cultures and support our topic of 'Our Heritage'. Children will be looking at significant people from the past and present who have positively impacted on our lives. It incorporates the theme of 'Black Lives Matter' and celebrates diversity. Teachers will focus on revising some of the main objectives and targets from the previous year in English and Maths, to ensure gaps in learning are addressed, together with areas of strength. This will help children to make good to outstanding progress and quickly move towards their new year group targets.

Assemblies

Mrs Gallagher and I will lead year group assemblies twice a week and collective worship will be in class the other days and led by class teachers and pupils.

PE

Wherever possible, PE will be outside. I ask that on PE days your child comes into school wearing their School tracksuit/ PE kit and remains in it until the end of the day, to minimise changing. Children will not be going swimming until further notice.

Uniform

Full school uniform must be worn and your child may wear summer uniform if the weather is hot. Please note that girls will be allowed to wear trousers, which can be purchased from School Wear United, in West Norwood. Leggings and jersey trousers are not allowed.

What can I bring into school?

You may bring in a lunchbox if you are having packed lunch, water bottle, coat and reading book. All stationery will be provided and it is important you do not share equipment. You may bring in a small hand sanitiser, only for your use and this should be kept with you on your table. Junior children may bring in fruit for early morning break and school will provide infant children with fruit, as normal.

My thanks to the PTA for arranging for every child to have a pencil case with stationery for their personal use, on their return to school. This is a very thoughtful gesture and much appreciated.

Trips and after school clubs

There will be no trips or after school clubs for the autumn term and this will be reviewed over the autumn term.

Keeping everyone safe

I am sure you will agree it is important that we all respect the new guidelines and rules that we need to keep our community safe and healthy. Children will be kept in their year groups and there is no requirement for social distancing between peers in their classes. However, we will encourage them to avoid making direct or close face to face contact with their friends to minimise any risk. We know that this feels strange, but it is important that we all play our part in keeping each other and ourselves safe. Your teachers will socially distance from you as far as is practical and will have access to visors or face mask, if necessary. Please help your teachers to maintain social distance when you can.

Breakfast and Afterschool club

This will resume from Monday, 7th September and will run from 7.30 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. Children will remain in their year group bubbles, infant children will be in the Garden Hall and juniors in the junior hall. Infant and junior children attending the BASC, must enter via the junior gate at Woodend and be accompanied by an adult to the club. Should you require any information about wrap around care, please contact Stephanie Odewale 07469929311 Stephanie-stjosephfedbasc@hotmail.co.uk

Behaviour

We will continue to enforce our behaviour policy and code of conduct for all members of our school community. We understand that it is an anxious time for everyone and you may need to see staff. However, I ask that you call either the office or email and we will get back as soon as possible. The office will only be open for urgent matters.

Travel to and from school

If you travel on public transport, you will need to wear a facemask. It is better to walk or cycle. Do refer to the following link for further information

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidancefor-passengers>

Remember Woodend will be a pedestrian zone and you will not be allowed to drive down. On arrival to school, you should remove your facemask. You should not touch the front of your face covering during use or when removing it. You must wash your hands immediately on arrival and dispose of temporary face coverings in the bins provided specifically for them. If you have a reusable facemask, you must place it in a plastic bag and take it home to be washed. After removal of face masks, you should wash your hands again.

Cleaning

Our cleaners will clean daily ensuring classrooms and communal spaces are kept to the highest standards. Cleaning will continue through the day.

In line with government recommendations, we will be implementing the following procedures to keep everyone safe and minimise risks.

Summary

- ❖ Children will be kept in their year group 'teaching bubbles' and year groups will have different break and lunch times.
- ❖ Start and finish times for each year group will be staggered
- ❖ There will be a one-way system on school grounds.
- ❖ We will continue with our rigorous cleaning processes during the day, a through clean at the end of each day and a weekly deep clean.
- ❖ Children will be encouraged to regularly wash their hand with soap and warm water and will have access to sanitisers throughout the day.
- ❖ Classrooms will be organised so that desks will be forward facing
- ❖ Good respiratory hygiene will be promoted through the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- ❖ There will be minimised contact between individuals and we ask that you maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- ❖ Staff will have access to appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

The safety of your child and everyone in our school community is our priority and by following these set procedures, it will minimise risks.

If you have any concerns or questions, there is always someone to turn to. Please do email me on head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk and I will get back to you as soon as possible, prior to September. Once we return, you can call the office to make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher.

We are excited to welcome you back and you will notice several improvements around the school. The junior teaching areas have been decorated and a new path laid in the junior school. New gardening areas have been created in both schools and the children will be involved in planting and maintaining these areas as part of our curriculum.

Please remember there is always someone here to help if you have any concerns. We want you to have a positive transition back to school, but we know that sometimes things can play on our minds and it can be helpful to talk them through.

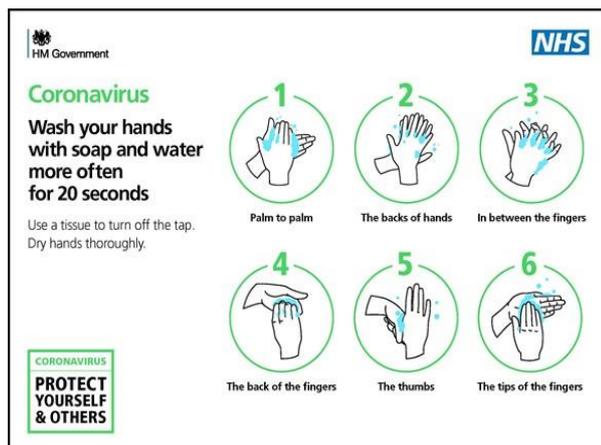
I hope this information has been useful and I appreciate there is a lot of information to process in this letter. I am confident that working together, the transition back to school will be successful. We are here to help and support you and look forward to the 3rd September. Until then, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me on head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely



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