



## Welcome back to school

28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear children, parents and carers

We have been busy preparing for welcoming back the children on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. The school looks wonderful following the completion of work on the premises.

Following on from my letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> August, I wanted to reconfirm and summarise some key details for entry and exit to the school.

### **Infant parents**

**Start of the day** - Please enter via the infant playground entrance on Crown Dale. If you have junior children, kindly bring them with you, drop your infant child off and then proceed to the junior school, exit via the infant gate at Woodend and then take them to the junior gate.

### **End of the day**

Please enter via the infant playground entrance on Crown Dale. Reception children will be collected from the reception outdoor area. Year 2 parents please wait on the top path overlooking the Y2 classrooms. Y1 parents should wait on the lower path outside the Y1 classrooms. You will need to maintain social distancing.

All parents to exit via the infant gate on Woodend

### **Junior parents**

**Start of the day** - Please drop your child at the Woodend gate, staff will be there to welcome children and ensure they proceed to class.

**End of the day** - Please enter via the junior gate at Woodend, then follow the path to the junior playground and collect your child from the playground. Kindly follow the path leading to the garden hall and then exit via the infant gate at Woodend.

In the interest of everyone's safety, please restrict the time you spend on school premises and 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.

**Please note Reception pupils will start from Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September for half days and will move to full time from the 14<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Nursery pupils will start over the week starting Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September and move towards full time from the 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please refer to the information previously given to you.**

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.
20	8.40 A.M.	2.40 P.M.		5C	8.40 A.M.	3.10 P.M.
				6P	8.30 A.M.	3.00 P.M.
				6W	8.30 A.M.	3.00 P.M.

### School office

The school office will only be open for emergencies. Should you need to contact the office, do email or call them.

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 ourselves and each other 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.

### 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)

**From 1<sup>st</sup> September, Woodend will be a pedestrian zone and cars are not allowed access. Please refer to the attached letter from Croydon Council**

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](mailto:head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk) and I will get back to you as soon as possible, prior to September. I have attached an information from Gov.uk with useful information to support your child's return to school.

Enjoy the remaining days of the summer break and I look forward to welcoming you back on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We are excited about the return to school and to you seeing the many changes to our school premises.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely



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