



4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents

I am delighted to welcome you back and look forward to a successful academic year ahead.

The children have been brilliant and settled into new routines, eager to learn. We have spent time talking to them about the new arrangements in school and the need for social distancing to keep everyone safe. Additional sanitisers have been installed around the school and children have the opportunity to regularly wash their hands with access to soap.

Children will continue to be in their year group bubbles during the day, with staggered start and finish times. **Please do keep to the time allocated to drop and collect your child and please do not turn up to school early. Siblings can be brought into school and picked up together.**

The reason for staggered times is to reduce the number of people on site and minimise risks. I ask that you collect your child, leave the premises as soon as possible, and please do not gather outside the school gates. Parents have expressed concerns about the fact that some people gathered and remained talking outside the school and in the playground and did not maintain any social distance. Please be considerate to everyone by following social distancing to keep everyone safe and reduce risks.

Children will not be allowed back into the school building once they have left. If you are collecting children from both schools, you may need to wait for a short time. Again, kindly observe all guidelines and social distance, keeping your children with you.

I am extremely proud of the children and the sensible and considerate way they have behaved. They are pleased to be back and are enthusiastically engaging in their learning. They look smart in their uniform and are a credit to St Joseph's. Please ensure that your child has a school coat, as other coats will not be allowed. You may purchase uniform from the following shop,

School Wear United  
3 Crown Dale  
SE19 3PB

**Please note that Woodend is now a pedestrian zone and cars are not allowed access from 8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Croydon Council will be issuing fines for cars entering Woodend between these times.**

### **School office**

The school office is only open for emergencies. Should you need to contact us, please email or call and an appointment will be made. Correspondence can be handed in via your child. All queries relating to infant children should be directed to the infant office (0208 670 2385) and to the junior office (0208 653 7195) for junior children.

I am delighted to welcome new teachers, Ms Bickmore in Year 5, Ms Bunyat in year 2, Ms McRoberts who is our new office Assistant and Mr Picoe who is will be supporting Mr McVoy, our caretaker.

Thank you for working with us to ensure a happy return to school. We are delighted with all the work carried out on the premises and will be launching a garden initiative in a few weeks. So look out for details to be sent out shortly.

Please remember all staff are here to help you and will always do their best to ensure the wellbeing and success of all our children. It is important that any communication you have with staff is conducted in a respectful manner.

Class newsletters, curriculum information and how you can support your child, will be uploaded onto Google Classrooms at the end of next week.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you over the week.

Yours sincerely



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