

6th November 2020

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term and it certainly has been an eventful and busy week. I am sure you are aware that we had to close the year 1 bubble, owing to an adult testing positive for Covid-19. The children will return to school on Thursday, 19th November and we look forward to welcoming them back.

I am delighted to say that our remote learning plan has worked well and our year 1 children have the opportunity to meet with their class teacher via zoom, three times a day. Google Classroom has a timetable for the day together with work to be completed and submitted for marking. If you are a Year 1 parent please do ensure you log into Google classrooms daily and attend the zoom teaching session. If you are experiencing problems accessing it, please contact the the ICT helpline on ict@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk



I appreciate it is a worrying time but I know if we continue follow safety guidelines, we will minimise risks. Thank you for being considerate and observing social distancing.

Do please read the attached information carefully. It provides information about what to do in different situations.

Contact details

Please do remember to share any change of contact information. It is important, that we are able to contact you should we need to. All correspondence is sent to the email addresses on our data base. We work tirelessly to ensure that you are kept informed. It is frustrating when we discover that new email addresses have not been shared with us. It wastes time and children lose out. So please do keep us updated.

Anti-bullying week -16th – 20th November

Miss Ugbo and Mrs Langford Jackson have organised a series of activities over the week to raise everyone's understanding of the impact of bullying. It will begin with an odd sock day on Monday. Further details will be sent out next week with competitions children can enter.



Outdoor learning is an important part of the curriculum. We have created gardening areas for classes to take ownership of and develop into vegetable or flower areas. Each class will be writing to you asking for donations for their area. Unfortunately, owing to current Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to invite volunteers into the school to help with the upkeep of these areas. However, we hope this will change in the spring term.

Uniform

It is becoming increasingly colder, so please make sure your child has a school coat and full uniform. The school burgundy scarf and hat can be purchased from our local uniform supplier in West Norwood. May I please remind you that hairstyles must be smart and not include any marks, signs or beads and long hair tied back. Do label all uniform items with your child's full name.

Catch up support

We will be running booster groups during the school day and after school. If your child receives a letter to attend one of the groups, it is important that you ensure they attend regularly and on time. Catch up sessions will be delivered by class teachers and learning mentors on a 1:1 basis and in small groups. Information will be shared with you in due course.

Applications for Nursery, Reception and Year 3 – September 2021

Closing date: 15th January 2021

If your child is due to start in one of the above year group next September, you must complete an online common application form (CAF) for the borough you live in. It is important you also complete our supplementary application form, which can be obtained from the school office, or downloaded from our website.

Please make sure you complete both to avoid disappointment. Places are in demand and if you are late in applying, your application will be treated as a late application and you may not be offered a place if all places have been allocated.

If you have any questions, please do contact me on:

head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk

We are living through challenging times, but please know we are here to support you and confidentiality is always maintained. Should you need any help do email me on the above email address. Take care and keep safe

Mrs Fernandes – Headteacher

Dear parents

This guidance is to clearly set out the steps required relating to symptoms, testing and self-isolation.

If your child is showing symptoms you must take a test and be vigilant and please do not send them to school until the isolation period has been completed. Please help us to keep the community fit and well by doing your bit.

What to do if	Action needed	Return to school when
1. My child has Covid-19 symptoms (no matter how mild): high temperature, new and continuous cough, loss of taste or smell.	Do not send your child to school. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact the school office to notify us of the absence• Self-isolate the whole household.• Get a test.• Inform school of the test result	...the test comes back negative OR a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, your child feels well (if positive see 4.)
2. someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	Do not send your child to school. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact school and inform us asap• Self-isolate the whole household.• The symptomatic household member should get a test• Inform school of the test result	...the test comes back negative (if positive see 5.)
3. ...I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep trying, but, if you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and any other household members must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days.• Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.	your child has completed 14 days of isolation
4. ...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	Do not send your child to school. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact the school asap• Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days from the first symptom).• Self-isolate the whole household.	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell (these symptoms can last for several weeks.) AND your child feels well and has no temperature.
5. ...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	Do not come to school. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact school asap• Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days from the first symptom).• Self-isolate the whole household.	...the pupil has completed 14 days of isolation assuming they have not developed symptoms in which case see 1.

6. ...my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the office asap • Agree a date for possible return 	...the test comes back negative. If your child is still unwell please keep them off school to recuperate.
7. ... my child is identified as a close contact of somebody with confirmed Covid-19	<p>Do not come to school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school asap • Agree a date for possible return. • If your child or a member of your household develops symptoms, see 1. and 2. • Try and avoid close contact with the household member as much as possible 	...your child has completed 14 days of isolation. (Please note that, unfortunately, even if your child takes a test that is negative, they must complete 14 days isolation).
8. ...a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. • Your child can continue to attend school. • If your child or a member of your household develops symptoms, see 1. and 2. 	...your child can continue to attend school.
9. ...a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school	<p>Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child can attend school until/unless they develop symptoms. • If your child or a member of your household develops symptoms, see 1. and 2. 	...your child can continue to attend school
10. ...my child's year group bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school	<p>Do not come to school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay in contact with the School relating to any change in circumstances/health. • Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. • The School will continue to provide work for your child via Google Classrooms • Other siblings who are not in that year bubble may continue to attend school. 	...the school will inform you when the year group bubble will be reopened.

