

22nd July 2021

Dear parents and carers

I hope you're looking forward to a relaxing summer and spending time together as a family. Do remember that school breaks up on **Thursday, 22nd July at 1.30 p.m.** and term will start on **Monday, 6th September 2021 at 8.45 a.m. Nursery begins the later in the week – Wednesday 8th September 2021**

I wanted to share arrangements with you for the new term based on current advice. Should this change for any reason, I will write to you in August with updated information.

Drop off and pick up times

School will begin for all pupils **at 8.45 a.m. Infant and Nursery children will finish at 3.00 p.m. and junior pupils at 3.15 p.m.**

Infant and Nursery children - 8.45 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Children attending the infant school should enter via the Crown Dale playground entrance. Y1 and Y2 pupils will walk into school unaccompanied and will be met by a member of staff. Nursery and Reception pupils may be accompanied to their classroom.

End of day collection 3.00 p.m.

Parents collecting Nursery and Infant children should enter via the Crown Dale playground entrance and collect children from the classroom door. Staff will be there to direct you to avoid too many people waiting outside the classroom. Once you have collected your child, please leave via the infant gate at Woodend.

If you need to collect junior children, please exit via the infant Woodend gate and enter through the Woodend junior gate making your way to the junior playground. Staff will also be available at the gate and entrance to the junior playground, to direct and ease congestion. Please then exit at the end of the junior playground past the Garden Hall.

Junior children – 8.45 – 3.15 p.m. 3.15 p.m.

Juniors will enter via the junior gate at Woodend in the morning and will walk into the junior playground unaccompanied. Years 5 & 6 will enter via the playground door. Years 3 & 4 via the door opposite the Garden hall.



End of the day collection – 3.15 p.m.

Pupils in years 3 to 6 will be brought into the playground and line up in designated areas. Please avoid blocking path ways and give children sufficient time and distance to be dismissed safely.

Children in years 5 and 6 walking home alone, will need parental consent in writing.

We will be sending out a parent questionnaire in September to find out your views on use of the difference school entrances and other procedures. So please do take time to answer questions. We hope to send it out the third week in September.

P.E. Days

Children in all years from Reception to year 6 must come into school wearing their full PE kit on days when they have P.E. or after-school clubs and will not need to change into uniform. Please refer to our website or your own copy of the school handbook for a full uniform list.

PE Days for the 1st Half of the Autumn term

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday	Friday

Coats

All children are expected to be in full uniform in September and only wear the school burgundy coat, scarf and hat. Please note that children are not allowed to wear boots in school but smart black shoes. Kindly ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Lunch time and after school clubs: School run

Staff will be running clubs through the week and will be offering the following clubs

KS1	Choir	Reading	Art	Portuguese	Lego	Multi-skills	Maths/thinking skills
KS2	Choir	Reading	Art	Portuguese	Gymnastics	Guitar	Maths/critical thinking
KS2	Speed stacking Chess	Library time Gardening	Newspaper	French	Football	Steel Pans	School History Celebrating 150 years of the school (Art & History focus)

We will be opening up bookings the week we return in September and clubs will start the week commencing 20th September 2021. Details will be sent to you when we return.



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Juniors

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Weekend and after school clubs: External providers

As restrictions ease, we have had many enquiries from external sports clubs wishing to use our spacious grounds for after-school and weekend clubs, ranging from football, scouts, gymnastics, dance, ballet, cricket as well as Martial Arts (Wing Chun and fencing).

As most of these clubs will charge a small fee, we need to understand the level of interest before commitment; we will therefore be sending out a quick online survey to understand potential interest / numbers as well as possible pricing. Once we have the results and discuss with the providers, we will update you in September also.

Parent/Toddler group

I am delighted to inform you that we will be running a parent/toddler group at St Joseph's, starting the week commencing Monday, 13th September 2021. Mrs Louise Fuentes (a former parent of the school) works for a charity 'Homestart'. They train 'Parent champions' who then run activities and workshops for parents in the school and the wider community. It is an excellent way to bring parents together, provide peer support and spend time together.

We are excited to be able to host this at our school and it has the potential to grow and thrive, supporting the needs of our community. Ms Natalie Francis (Caleb and Sebastian's mum) is working with us on this project. So please do email me if you are interested in helping and attending. head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk Flyers/information will be sent to you over the summer holidays and when we return in September. Look out for further details and be ready to be part of something wonderful and exciting.

Thank you for your continuing support and I hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer break. Do please check your emails regularly over the summer break. Any change in information or procedures will be communicated via email as soon as possible

Yours sincerely



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