



Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear parent/carer,

Covid Cases

I am sure you are no doubt aware that positive cases in our local area are on the rise; this is also the case in local schools and our school is, unfortunately, no exception.

If cases continue to rise with our pupils and staff, we may have to consider a move to remote learning. This may be for individual year groups or whole school dependent upon the severity. Please do monitor your emails for any updates. We will, of course, give as much notice as we possibly can but the situation is changing rapidly and is very fluid.

It is important that we all remain vigilant and stick to the guidelines as restrictions are eased; we urge you to continue to do lateral flow testing twice a week, to observe good hand hygiene, put into action 'catch it, bin it, kill it' and also apply common sense with social distancing and mask wearing.

In addition, please do not send your children into school if you or a member of your household has tested positive or if your child is displaying symptoms.

If you do have any covid queries, please do use our covid@sjcs.org.uk email address.

Pupils Self-Isolating & Work via Teams

If your child has been instructed to self-isolate, please do follow the guidance in the letter you received.

Work for pupils self-isolating will be set via Teams – the lessons will not be live lessons but will be tasks relating to the content of the lessons physically happening in school.

As I'm sure you'll appreciate, things are very fluid at the moment and teachers will be sharing work via Teams from Monday onwards – there may also be work appearing on Teams from today. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Important Letters and Changes

We have sent two letters to you today:

- One from Public Health England on our school headed paper regarding the changes to the testing and self-isolating guidance and also Test and Trace procedures from Monday 19th July which will no longer be conducted by educational settings but by NHS Test and Trace.
- One from the Local Authority regarding school transport from Monday 19th July

It is imperative that you read these letters.

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Parents Evenings & Parent Information Evenings

It was great to be able to reconnect (albeit virtually) this week with you at the parents' information evenings. We hope that you found the information shared valuable and that you feel involved and informed. We'll be hosting similar meetings in September to launch the new academic year on a positive and will be providing full parents' evening next academic year in accordance with the dates mentioned during your evenings this week.

If you were unable to attend the evenings, the presentations can be found here:

Year 7 – how to read the progress reports <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1cQ1IQ3AvQ>

Year 8: <https://sjcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Yr-8-Information-Evening.pdf>

Year 9: <https://sjcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Yr-9-Information-Evening.pdf>

Year 10: <https://sjcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Yr-10-Information-Evening.pdf>

We'd also like to remind you that progress reports will be emailed out to you next week to provide information on how your child is progressing relative to their target grades.

Activities Week

As you are aware, next week is activities week in school where we'll be hosting sports day, house comp day, awards assemblies and the school quiz. More details will be circulated at the start of next week!

Uniforms for Next Year

Next year, we will be returning to full school uniform; the choice will no longer be to wear full uniform or full PE kit. With this in mind, please be aware that the 1st August is the deadline for ordering St Joseph's specific uniform from Price and Buckland to ensure delivery for the start of term in September

Please select home delivery as there will be no further deliveries into school before the start date.

<https://sjcs.org.uk/uniform-orders/>

Relationship, Sex & Health Education

Over the last few weeks, pupils in all year groups have been engaging in RSHE lessons during timetabled RE lessons. Their levels of maturity and engagement have been excellent and there have been some very enlightening and interesting discussions happening in the classrooms. One of our most important school values – respect – has certainly been displayed and lived out in these lessons!

Careers Summary 2020–21

It has been a very challenging year for our careers team with most of our normal careers programme being delivered virtually, but we are very proud of what they have achieved for the benefit of those in our care. To see a summary of the year, please click the following link:

<https://sjcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Careers-Evaluation-2021.pdf>

Achievement Points Race

Ahead of next week's House Competitions, the race is certainly hotting up with the Achievement Points Race!

1st Place:	Margaret	30,017 points
2nd Place:	Teresa	29,742 points
3rd Place:	Vincent	29,541 points
4th Place:	Francis	27,516 points

Have a lovely weekend and we will see everyone on Monday (with the exception of those self-isolating).

Kind regards,

Mr Rooney