



St. Joseph's Primary School  
42 Castle Street  
Lisburn  
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*'Being the best that we can be'*

**Friday Note**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020**

**No. 1**

Dear Parents,

An earlier than expected Friday Note! By now, you should have received the detailed guidance pertaining to the full return of all pupils to school. Please read through this carefully. By working together, we can ensure a very smooth and happy transition back to school for our children.

**Schedule for week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> August**

P7 return on Monday (9:00 – 12:20) all week

P2 – P6 return on Thursday and Friday (use allocated drop off times in Parent Handbook)

There is no school meals service throughout this week.

**Thursday and Friday Pick up times**

Year group	Pick up time
P2	11:30
P3	11:40
P4	11:50
P5	12:00
P6	12:10
P7	12:20

**Contact details and Communication**

Please ensure that your contact details are up to date so that you receive school communication via text, email or by phone.

*School website*

Our website will also be updated with all important information - <https://www.stjosephsschool.org/home/>

*Twitter* - @stjosephlisburn

**Breakfast Club and Cool Kids**

Both Breakfast Club and Cool Kids will be operational from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Further details will be released next week. Staff rotas and increased hygiene measures mean we must take extra care in this provision for the year ahead. Details will be released early next week.

**Reporting to Parents**

This year we had scheduled to have parent teacher meetings for children in P2 – P7 in October. Unfortunately, due to COVID and social distancing measures, we will have to postpone these meetings for P2 – P6.

**Primary 1 and Primary 7 will meet with parents this term as in previous years**

Primary 1 will schedule their normal “baselining” meetings in the coming weeks. These meetings give parents the chance to let their child’s teacher know a little about their child to help teachers inform their planning. Teachers will send out appointment times in the coming weeks.

Primary 7 teachers will meet with parents in the week beginning Monday 5 October. This will allow teachers to provide feedback to parents ahead of transfer examinations in November and December. Teachers will send out appointment times towards the end of September.

Due to social distancing measures, a number of restrictions will be in place for these meetings:



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- Only 1 parent may attend
- Meetings MUST only last 10 minutes
- Parent and teacher must sit at least 2m apart
- Masks/face coverings must be worn
- Appointment times will be spaced apart sufficiently to support social distancing

### March Parent Teacher Meetings

The meetings we had scheduled for March have been brought forward to the week beginning Monday 8 February 2021. Further details will be provided closer to the time.

### School Meals Service

The School Meals Service will be operational from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. If you are entitled to Free School meals, or choose to avail of this service, please ensure that you book as normal using our online system.

### Curriculum Meetings

Under normal circumstances, we would normally be organising curriculum meetings for each year group. Unfortunately these cannot take place this year. Instead, each year group will be preparing a 'virtual' Curriculum Meeting PowerPoint presentation which will be available on the school website from Friday 18 September.

### PTE/PTM Testing

Children in P3 – P7 would normally take PTE and PTM tests in May of last year. These are standardised tests in Literacy and Numeracy. With lockdown, these tests were not administered. As a school we have agreed that these tests will not be administered this term in P4 – P6. P7 only will take these tests at the end of September ahead of their parent teacher meetings in October. All being well we will resume our normal testing in May 2021 for P3 onwards. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Fleming.

### Music Lessons

Music lessons will continue this year face to face. Children will be taught in groups of two - tutors will teach behind a screen or with visors if parents wish, especially in the case of woodwind instruments. Places will be offered to children in Primary 4 and 5 as well as those children already playing. Please e-mail Mrs O'Hare before Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September if you would like a place and state your preferred instrument.

Violin - Miss Courtney Burns

Flute - Miss Martha Grant

Clarinet - Mrs Clare Thompson

Lessons cost £7-£8

Mrs O'Hare is happy to advise or answer any queries. Please note that we will try to accommodate preferred instruments but due to timetable restraints this may not be possible. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis for new start children.

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***Please adhere to our guidelines.  
We have many vulnerable children and adults in our school community.  
Lets do the right thing for them.***

B McMahon  
Acting Principal



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