



September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year at St. Joseph's. We would especially like to extend a warm welcome to our new families. We are pleased with how the children are settling into their full days in their new class. They are starting to learn the routines and are becoming increasingly independent.

With this letter is attached an overview of some of the things your child will learn this term. Our first topic is 'Me in the World'. In Reception we always try to plan according to the children's interests so things are subject to change!

### **What to bring in**

- Book bag – please do not bring in backpacks as we do not have space for them. If your child brings a letter for us in their bag please can we ask that you get it out for us when you get to school as we do not routinely go through the children's bags.
- A named water bottle – This must be taken home everyday to be washed.
- A spare change of clothes – If you feel your child may need a change of clothes please provide one in a plastic bag that can stay on their peg.

Please make sure any toys etc are left at home. Children do not need indoor shoes or P.E. kits.

### **Pick up/drop off**

We open the door in the morning at 08.45am. We have a flexible start time but the door is closed at 09.00am. If you arrive after this time you will need to bring your child round to the main school reception.

During this flexible start we do finger strong activities to help build strength and stamina in their hands, so please do try and get them in early.

Collection at the end of the day is at 3.15pm.

Please do not let your children play with anything in the EYFS garden at drop off or pick up.

### **Uniform**

Children may wear winter or summer uniform up until October half term.

Summer dresses and socks or winter skirts/ trousers/ dresses with a blue polo shirt and tights or socks.

School shorts or trousers and a blue polo shirt.

As part of the uniform the children need to wear comfortable black school shoes that they can put on themselves.

**Please could you ensure ALL items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's full name, including their shoes.**

Children are asked not to wear any jewellery in the EYFS setting.

### **Snack**

We ask for £1 a week to be paid termly so that we can provide the children with a healthy snack during the day. Any extra money goes towards resources for the children such as the ingredients for playdough. This will be set up on the School Gateway app shortly.

### **Keeping healthy**

Please do not send your child into school if they are unwell, have required medicine or have any Covid Symptoms.

We are working hard to teach the children good hygiene routines such as washing their hands, coughing or sneezing into a tissue (catch it, kill it, bin it) and using a tissue to blow their own noses.

### **Tapestry**

As you will be aware from our induction packs we use an online Learning Journal called 'Tapestry'. All of the children have been set up with an account and activation emails have been sent to you. If you have not already activated your account, please do so. If you have not received an activation email, and it has not gone into your junk folder, please email the school to let us know and we will resend it. We periodically put observations and memos on Tapestry so please do check regularly.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to us and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely  
The EYFS team