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Dear Families,

As we near the end of another unprecedented year, could I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. By working together, we have helped to limit the impact that this pandemic has had on our children. We are all looking forward to a fresh start in September but must recognise that, despite the challenges, a great deal has been achieved this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the staff in school. Throughout the year, their hard work, dedication and professionalism has never wavered. They have all risen to the challenge and have gone above and beyond to make sure that the children receive the very best education and support.

Transition Day

On Monday the children will spend some time in their new classrooms with their new class teacher for September. Children should arrive as usual and after registration they will move into their new classrooms. Children will depart at the usual times of 2.55pm/3.00pm. There will not be a catch-up session on Monday.

Staff structure-September 2021

In September we are delighted to welcome a new teacher to the St Joseph the Worker. We are very pleased to have Miss Hoolighan join us. The children will get to meet Miss Hoolighan on the transition day.

The staff structure is as follows:

EYFS Lead/Nursery teacher- Mrs Chadwick
Reception teacher-Miss Coleman

KS1 Lead and Year 1 teacher – Mrs Jessop
Year 2 teacher – Miss Hoolighan
KS1 Additional teacher (3 days) – Mrs Shaw

Year 3 teacher – Mrs Lee
Year 4 teacher – Miss O'Malley
Year 5 teacher – Miss Laverty
KS2 lead and Year 6 teacher – Miss Finch
KS2 Additional teacher (3 days) – Miss Farrell

SEND/CO/Deputy safeguarding lead – Mrs Dunn
Deputy Headteacher – Mrs Willis

Drop-off and Collection Times – September 2021

In September, we will maintain our staggered start and finish times. We have noticed that this small amendment has had a positive impact on congestion and the pressures of parking nearby to the school. To ensure everyone's safety



will open the gates to allow parents to enter the playground, but this will not be before 8:45am. Until your child enters the **school building** parents are fully responsible for their children and they will not be supervised. No FS or KS1 child should be left unattended.

Isolation Periods

Due to the current high levels of Covid-19 in Salford, the LA is asking schools not to relax restrictions on July 19th but instead to introduce these new measures at the start of the new term in September. We will therefore continue to operate under our current risk assessment and related health and safety procedures for the last few days of the Summer Term. This means, for example, that children will still be taught in designated bubbles, social distancing rules will be maintained. School will also be supporting children with regular handwashing and other hygiene requirements that help prevent the spread of the virus.

The LA will continue to support schools with Covid-19 testing and to identify children who need to isolate as a result of either having Covid-19, or being a contact of another child or adult who has tested positive.

Amendment to school holiday dates 2021-2022

To enable schools to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, the late May Bank Holiday (originally 30th May 2022) has been moved to Thursday 2 June 2022, with an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June.

The DfE have reduced the minimum number of sessions schools are required to meet in the academic year 2021/22 to allow for the additional bank holiday. As the additional bank holiday falls in the half term dates already set by the LA, the finish date at the end of the Autumn term has been amended for community and voluntary controlled schools to reflect the reduction in the required number of teaching days. School will now close on Tuesday 21st December 2021 at 1.30pm. Please find attached an amended school calendar to reflect this change.

The Salford LA holiday dates can be found here: [School holidays • Salford City Council](#)

School Grid (dinners)

I would be grateful if you could ensure that your School Grid accounts are settled before the children leave on Friday.

Finishing Times on Wednesday 21st July

1.25pm: Nursery, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5

1.30 pm- Reception, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6

Y6

I would like to end by singling out our Y6 pupils as they get ready to leave St. Joseph the Worker. I am very proud of all that they have achieved and the resilience they have shown. They have matured into responsible young people, with a thirst for knowledge and a determination to make a positive contribution to society moving forward. I could not be more pleased with the way they have faced and conquered the challenges this year has brought. Well done and good luck to you all...and remember '**once a Joey, always a Joey!**'

I look forward to seeing you again in September.

Please enjoy your summer.

Best wishes



E Clayton
Headteacher

