

# St Joseph The Worker R C Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Your wonderful children have been a credit to you this week – they have all settled back in beautifully, followed all the new instructions from their teachers and made a really big effort to follow all the new safety measures we have put in place. I could not be more proud of them.

We will be continuing with the staggered start and end times as this has significantly reduced the volume of people on the playground and allowed us to keep to the 2 metre social distancing advice.

I know this continues to be a time of heightened anxiety for many of you and the news and social media frequently updates us on the COVID infection rates in the area. Please be assured that I will contact you with any updates relevant to our school, your child and the class bubble they are in as changes occur. We have clear Local Authority guidelines to follow if we have any suspected or confirmed cases and these are the same across all schools. The staff are confident with these guidelines and know how to risk assess and safely manage any situation that we come across.

Please continue to monitor your family and your child's health carefully and if you have any inkling they may be unwell contact the NHS and school via telephone before sending them in. Staff can offer support and advice if you are not sure about anything – just telephone the school or send an email. Please note that if anyone in your household is unwell and awaiting a test result you must all isolate at home until the results of the test are confirmed. Thank you to those of you this week who have been so vigilant in organising tests for your children who displayed symptoms, this is exactly what we all need to do to keep our community safe.

We are all learning to work in new ways at the moment but this week has demonstrated once again what a fantastic, supportive community we have at St Joseph the Worker. Thank you to you all for helping us make our first week back such a success.

Miss D Ridyard

Headteacher

Today Bishop John said Mass for the start of the school year at Salford Cathedral.

If you would like to watch this here is the link:

[www.churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral)

