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Head Teacher

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Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you all had a fun filled Christmas. On behalf of all of the staff and governors of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Uniform

I would like to remind parents and carers that we expect children to come to school in full uniform with tidy haircuts and that they do not wear jewellery or makeup.

Pupils are expected to attend school in the correct uniform which includes school shoes. This does not include trainers, boots or brightly coloured or patterned socks or tights.

Haircuts should be sensible and not too short. Hair accessories should be functional and discreet. Please do not send your child to school with a large accessory in their hair.

Jewellery, including earrings, should not be worn in school for Health and Safety reasons.

If a child has recently had their ears pierced and cannot take their earrings out for the first few weeks, please ensure that:

- a signed letter is sent to school notifying the school that your child is wearing earrings/studs in school and that you accept full responsibility for any damage or injury caused as a result of your child wearing earrings.
- they are covered by plasters before arriving at school so that they cannot be caught and therefore damage your child's ear.
- your child has a supply of spare plasters with them in school and is capable of covering the earrings themselves with the plasters.
- at the earliest opportunity the earrings should be removed and worn only outside of school hours.

Please can parents and carers of pupils in Years 1 - 6 send an outdoor PE kit to school to be used from next week.

The kit will need to include warm jogging bottoms, the school PE t-shirt, a warm sweatshirt/sports top and trainers. The jogging bottoms and top should not be patterned but should be plain in dark colours such as black, dark grey or navy.

Please ensure that these items are all named as children become distressed when they cannot find or identify their PE kits.

Breakfast Club

I'd like to share a few reminders with parents and carers who use our Breakfast Club facilities. Payment for Breakfast Club is £1.00 per child per day and we ask that payment is either made in advance eg £5 at the beginning of the week or paid on the day. Parents and carers are requested to have the correct money as Mrs Punshon may not have change. Can I also remind parents and carers that Breakfast Club starts at 8:00 am and there are no staff employed prior to 8:00 am to supervise children.

Please be mindful that there are limited parking places and to enable staff to park I would appreciate parents and carers who use the school car park to bring children to Breakfast Club spend as little time in the car park as necessary.

Parking Problems and Children's Safety

It has been brought to our attention that there is still a major issue concerning the parking around our school and local residents have been in touch to complain.

Please be aware of residents' right of entry when parking. Please note that the parking bays at the bottom of Morven Lea are not actually on public land but are private property owned by either local residents or Park Estates. We have received a number of complaints about garages being blocked in the area.

I would appreciate it if parents and carers could relay these concerns to grandparents and other relatives or friends who may collect children from school.

Dogs on School Premises

May I remind parents and carers that all dogs of all sizes and ages are not allowed on school premises. This includes those that are carried.

Dates for Diaries

We will produce a list of key dates for this term next week for you to keep in a safe place. In the meantime, you can keep up to date by checking the school website at <http://stjosephscatholicprimaryschool.com>.

Yours sincerely

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