



'Together we will do our best for Jesus'

Friday Update



11th September 2020

It is lovely to be able to welcome you all back into school this week after such a long break and a big welcome to our Reception children and all other families who have joined us this term.

I hate to start with a moan but it has been really difficult this week fending complaints from parents and neighbours which could so easily be solved.

We open our gates at 8.40 every morning and children can come to school between 8.40 and 8.50 a.m. Reception parents arrive between 8.50 and 9.00 a.m. Most parents seem to be arriving at 8.40 but if you could stagger drop off over that **10-minute slot it would help with the congestion outside the school gates and social distancing**. Thank you.

We have already had complaints from parents and neighbours about the behaviour of some of our parents. I was appalled this morning to have a complaint that one of our neighbours had been sworn at by one of our parents. The neighbour has reported this to the police. We have also had complaints that parents are using bad language outside the school within earshot of the children.

Thank you for adhering to the one-way system entering Sancreed Road via Newlyn Way and exiting via Northmere Road. However, we have had a few 'near misses' where children have nearly been hit by cars parking on the pavement or driving too fast in front of the school. We have also had photographic evidence of parents parking on the grass in Northmere Road. This has also been shared with the police.

The Police were outside school yesterday from 3.00 p.m. and we understand that they are going to be patrolling the roads around our school before and after school and were told about the staggered finish times. Not only will parking offenders be risking a parking ticket and fine but more importantly risking the lives of our children and parents.

We would really appreciate you all considering the points raised during this week and try to help our school be a beacon of politeness and safety at all times.

Parking offenders will be mentioned in future Friday Updates.

*Safeguarding is a priority at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
If you have any concerns please contact our designated Safeguarding officers
Mr. McDermott, Mrs. O'Donoghue, Mrs. Hodson, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Hardwick.*