

Plymouth Cast Academy Trust

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher: Mr Neil McDermott BEng (Hons) MEd



'Together we will do
our best for Jesus'

Dear Parent,

23rd October 2020

As we approach the end of our first half term of school following lockdown, I would like to thank you all for your patience, understanding and commitment. The prevalence of Covid-19 has resulted in numerous changes to the 'normal' routine. By following government advice and reducing the possibility of a 'virus case' we can keep our community safe and our school open.

After half term we will be changing our end of the school day timings to ensure that children will have more time with their teachers and at the same time continuing to social distance (morning times will stay the same). The new timings are as follows:

EYFS	Hedgehogs 1 and 2	2.45 p.m.
Year 1	Starfish and Seahorses	3.00 p.m.
Year 2	Jellyfish and Turtles	3.15 p.m.
Year 3	Sharks and Narwhals	3.15 p.m.
Year 4	Class 4JB and 4MF	3.00 p.m.
Year 5	Class 5TG and 5MR	3.15 p.m.
Year 6	Class 6TO and 6PB	3.15 p.m.

Please arrive at the given time and leave promptly. This will keep everyone safe. **Please note the first day back to school after half term will be Tuesday 3rd November.**

At school we are developing our 'remote learning' further via Class Dojo. This is to ensure that children can still access lessons at home if the school is instructed to partial close due to a 'virus case'. To help us, and for us to help you, please fill in this short questionnaire by 9th November. Please access here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUaC-wV4asXhLH6PRXB1wIddVUUlKgYq4HcEHVc89IAQLFKA/viewform?usp=sf_link

There have been several queries about our school hall. I have been told that work will be starting shortly to lay a new floor. This is estimated to finish by Christmas, we unfortunately will not be able to cater for hot school lunches until then.

I hope, despite the current restrictions, you and your families are able to have a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to seeing you after the half term break on Tuesday 3rd November.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Neil McDermott
Headteacher