



**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**  
**Diocese of Clifton**

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Dear parents/carers

We hope that you have had a lovely summer. We have all been incredibly busy getting the school ready for the return of our children this week. Although things will be different, we can't wait to have the children back!

I just wanted to remind you of the key bits of information that were sent to you in July (and are still available on the school website in the Return to school document).

Please:

- arrive at school at the time requested and exit swiftly (no gathering with other parents)
- adhere to social distancing measures while dropping off and collecting children
- only one parent drops off/picks up their child/children
- if on the rare occasion you are late, wait in the car and telephone the school office who will assist you
- all communication should be via telephone or email

The drop off arrangements are as follows:

Year group	Drop off & collection times	Drop off & collection point	Where to Park
Reception (When in full time)	8.50 – 3.05pm	Staff car park gate	Pub car park
Year 1	8.40- 2.55pm	Staff car park gate	Pub car park
Year 2	8.40- 2.55pm	St Joseph's Church Yard gate	Benton court
Year 3	8.50– 3.05pm	St Joseph's Church Yard gate	Benton Court
Year 4	8.40 – 2.55pm	Main School gate	Front Street towards the convent
Year 5	8.50 – 3.05pm	Main School gate	Front Street towards the convent
Year 6	9.00 – 3.15pm	Main School gate	Front Street towards the convent/pub car park

When your child comes to school on Thursday please ensure that they come with their own clear pencil case containing a 30cm ruler, plain rubber and barrel pencil sharpener and any other essential items for the day – lunchbox, water bottle, cap/hat and coat (a small bag is allowed).

If you and your family have travelled abroad over the last few weeks and are now in a 14 day isolation period resulting in your child not starting back to school on Thursday, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Whilst we can't wait to have the children back in school, we understand that some children may be feeling a little anxious, having not been in school for some time and about the changes that they will face. To that end, their class teachers have made a short video clip for the children in their class, showing them where they will come into school, some of the changes that we have made to keep everyone safe and what their new classroom will be like. This can be found on their class blog. Please take the time to watch it with your child and reassure them that whilst school will be different, it will be great to be back, having fun and learning with their friends.

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'C Howells', with a horizontal line underneath.

Clare Howells