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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a relaxing summer break, and your child is looking forward to another school year starting on Wednesday 8th September.

The rules around Covid-19 in schools have changed, to ensure pupils have as much time learning in school as possible and to minimise the impact of people having to self-isolate. We will still have some Covid control measures in place but not as many as before. The main changes are listed below but please take the time to read our updated Parent Guidance document which explains what we will and will not do:

<http://stjosephscatholicacademy.co.uk/sites/default/files/Parent%20guidance%20September%202021.pdf>

Here are some of the main changes:

1. Under 18s no longer need to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with Covid-19. They will only need to isolate if they are showing symptoms of Covid-19. They should instead take a PCR test to confirm they are negative.
2. Face coverings are no longer recommended in school, but we would strongly recommend that these continue to be worn on public transport. Please note this means parents and carers are not expected to wear these on school grounds but may still do so if they wish.
3. Children will no longer need to be in 'bubbles'

The Local Authority and Public Health England will keep monitoring all schools and offer support if Covid cases increase. For additional reassurance please see our risk assessment on the school website.

We understand that some parents and children will be anxious about returning to school. If you do have any specific concerns or would like to talk more about the measures that we have in place, please do contact me at school.

The past 18 months have been tough for schools and pupils, and we hope to return to some sort of normality over the next school year. We must remember that Covid is still with us, and we must be vigilant and take sensible steps to keep Covid-19 levels low in school.



Please continue to do everything you can to help our school remain open and keep children learning by following the rules we have in place.

Finally, I should like to remind you that we expect all children to return to school in full school uniform. A full list of school uniform can be found on our website. Doors will open for all children at 8.50am and all children must be in school before 9.00am. Children should bring their PE kit to school and keep it in school all week.

I look forward to seeing you all next week.



Mrs L Hamilton
Principal

