

SJF NEWS

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Update

Yesterday the Department for Education (DfE) published its expectations regarding what will happen in schools at the beginning of the new academic year, from September 2020. These expectations came in the form of instructions and guidance. We are currently in the process of going through everything carefully in order to develop a plan for our school that works for our children, families and staff.

The document is complicated and there is so much to consider as we build a workable plan that satisfies and balances the challenging range of requirements that it sets out. The plan will cover:

- ✓ keeping everyone safe and the site as COVID secure as possible
- ✓ all children returning in all year groups
- ✓ supporting children's wellbeing and reconnection with school when they return
- ✓ staggering start and finishing times in line with guidance (which might shorten the school day for some)
- ✓ our response to the challenge of supporting children to catch up on missed learning whilst at the same time offering the usual curriculum in a shorter day for some
- ✓ wrap-around care, and how it will work from September before and after school
- ✓ how the school calendar will alter to take account of the challenges presented by the COVID pandemic
- ✓ how school life and familiar routines will have to change from September e.g. parent/carer meetings, Masses, liturgies, assemblies, extra-curricular activities, productions, showcases and other events

Whilst it is important to look forward positively and optimistically as we embrace every challenge, we will also remain cautious as we undertake this important work, because the virus remains an ever present risk to us all.

Headteachers across the city are feeling very anxious that with the lifting of restrictions people will forget or ignore the rules and guidance that are there to help keep us all safe. In doing this, they fear that some will put themselves and their households at an increased risk of infection, which then increases the risk to children and staff in schools if/when they or their children carry the infection into school.

Everyone here at SJF is working incredibly hard to keep everyone in our community safe and we are relying on all members of our community to continue to play their parts in order to limit the risk of a local spike that could close us down and have potentially devastating consequences for other members of our community. **Please stick to the guidance**, especially as more restrictions are lifted.

Our plan will be published and shared in due course. Thank you.

Summer Holiday

A reminder that schools in England will close over the summer holiday for all pupils including the children of key workers. For information about this and what is available in Sheffield, please follow the link to the council's website: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home>.

Y6 Leavers

We are hoping to welcome back our Y6 leavers in the autumn term so that they can catch up with each other and staff for a delayed last day, during which they can have their old SJF school shirts signed, take photographs and participate in a simple liturgy to which their parents/carers will also be invited if possible.

All Y6 pupils, in school and at home – and their family members – are invited to join in with a simple leavers' liturgy on **Thursday 16th July 2020 at 10.00am**. The liturgy will be via 'Zoom' and a meeting ID and password will be shared later. The liturgy will also be recorded and uploaded to the website, so that those who cannot attend will be able to watch it later.



Reminder of Class Teachers for 2020-2021

FS2	Mrs Darken
Y1	Mrs Sambrook (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Hadfield (Thursday and Friday)
Y2	Mrs Broadhead
Y3	Miss Brownbill
Y4	Mr Broadhead
Y5	Mr MacInness
Y6	Mrs Barrett (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Holloway (Wednesday Thursday and Friday)

FS2

Welcome videos for the parents/carers of children joining us in FS2 in September 2020 are available via this link:

www.st-johnfisher.org/fs2-2020-2021/

The videos are also available in a new area of the SJF website and between now and September information will be uploaded..



Home Learning Books

Colleagues have been going through the home learning books that have been returned to us and have been amazed by some of the high quality work that the children have produced. If you have returned a book for teachers to review please contact the School Office to check that it is ready for collection and arrange a time with them so that they can get it ready. Thank you.

Home Learning Tasks

The next set of home learning tasks will be released by colleagues from 3.30pm this evening and 7.00pm on Sunday 5th July 2020.

A reminder that this next set will last for two weeks because it will be our 'SJF International Fortnight' and we do hope that you will be able to engage with it.



Achievements Outside of School

Please do not forget to send in pictures of some of the exciting educational things that you have been doing at home, especially things that your children have enjoyed most and are particularly proud of. Achievements can be emailed to enquiries@st-johnfisher.org.

Virtual Sports Day

Please join in with our virtual sports day events if you can. General information is available on the website via this link:

www.st-johnfisher.org/news/sjf-virtual-sports-day-2020/

A presentation and help videos can be found via this link:

www.st-johnfisher.org/home-learning/?class=67&insertID=2754 and the password is **2020STJOHN**.

Pupils will be able to submit scores between **9.00am, Monday 29th June 2020** and **5.00pm, Monday 6th July 2020**.



We would love for ALL children, parents and carer to get involved in this cannot wait to see pictures of everyone taking part. Let's have some fun! Photos you take to me at Year2@st-johnfisher.org





Statement to Live By

Our last 'statement to live by' of the year is: **"We are all special"**

Time to talk: To know we are special is to know that we are loved.

To know that we are loved is to know that God made us in His image, and that He is always present in our lives if we are open to seeing and hearing Him.

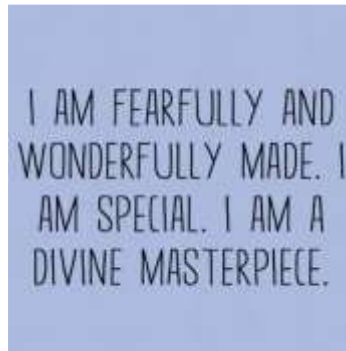
We are all amazing; created to be unique and special by a God who knows us and loves us so much.

We all have our own gifts and talents - those special things which make us unique.

What makes you special?

What makes your friends special?

What about your parents, brothers and sisters, cousins, uncles and aunts?



Remember that God created each of us to be brilliant and to shine brightly every day. When we are feeling down on ourselves (or others) it is important that we remember this first, and then try to refocus, because the truth is that we are *all* special.

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt