

## Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

As you are all now aware, the government has asked primary schools to plan for children in F1, F2, Y1 and Y6 to return to school from 1st June.

I want to keep you as fully informed as possible, but must emphasise that opening of school is conditional on the continued decline of deaths and infections. In all our planning, school leaders will put the safety of children, staff and the wider community of Wath first and foremost. When school returns, it will be a totally different environment to the one we are all used to. Children will work, play and eat in a self-contained bubble of no more than 15 which will be staffed consistently by the same adults. Each bubble will have a designated classroom, toilets, entrances and play areas. Parents will drop off and pick up at the school gate at a given time, times will be staggered to minimise social interaction. The school day will be different for each group of children.

All parents with children in F1, F2, Y1 and Y6 have now been contacted to establish the numbers of children who want to return to school. Leaders will look at the numbers of key worker children, how many F1, F2, Y1 and Y6 children would return and how many staff are available. Key worker children will be a priority group; there are two bubbles of these children in school already. It might be that we do not have the available space or staff to have all the designated classes return to school. Not all additional groups of children will start on 1st June; groups will be phased to allow children and staff become accustomed to new routines.

Home school learning will continue for all year groups; it may be that a member of staff adult, other than your child's class teacher responds to emails etc. The children in school will follow what children at home are studying.

As part of the planning process, we have consulted with our family of Catholic schools and James Montgomery Academy Trust, our local MAT. We have looked at how other countries are reopening their schools to learn from their experience. Our plan will be based on all this information and any further advice from the government and the Local Authority. Governors will discuss and approve the plan next Wednesday and we will share it with the whole school community on Thursday 21st May.

Thank you for your continued support. It is essential that we work together to keep all the members of our school community safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs McLaughlin

### OLASJ is going cashless!

In preparation for school returning, school is going cashless to minimise the risk of infection.

Please go to: [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

Click on the 'New user' tab.

Enter your email address and mobile number and you will then be sent a PIN number by text.

In future you will be able to log in with your email address and the PIN.

There are more details on how to register at the end this newsletter.

## FAQs

### Q1: Will my child be safe in school?

We will follow all the government guidelines as far as we are able to do so which can be found at;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

### Q2: When will Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 return to school?

The government hasn't given any further guidance on when these year groups could attend school but it will be dependent on many factors. If all classes return to school, it will be on a part time basis.

### Q3: Will home school learning continue?

Yes, home school learning will continue for all year groups, although slight adaptations may need to be made if teachers are working in school full time.

### Q4: My child has been attending school regularly since lockdown, will they be able to continue to attend?

Yes, your children can continue to attend school.

### Q5: What arrangements are being made for Y6 transition?

Secondary schools will be in contact about Y6 transition.

### Q6: I have been asked to return to work but my child isn't in F1, F2, Y1 or Y6. Can they come to school?

No, your child cannot come to school unless they are in the designated classes.

### Q7: If I have a child in F1, F2, Y1 or Y6, can their siblings who are not in these classes come to school as well?

No, siblings cannot come unless they are in F1, F2, Y1 or Y6.

Q8: I am a key worker but haven't sent my children to school during the lockdown. If I return to work but my child isn't in F1, F2, Y1 or Y6, can I now send my child to school? Please check the following guidance for who is classes as a key worker

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you think you are a key worker and need a place for your child, please contact school via email for a discussion about what arrangements can be made for your child.

## Answers from last week's Guess Who?

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| Mrs Janvier  | Mrs Booth   | Mrs Hadfield  |
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| Miss Barker  | Mrs Waller  | Mrs Speight   |
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| Mrs Barber   | Miss Rajman   | Miss Jubb   |

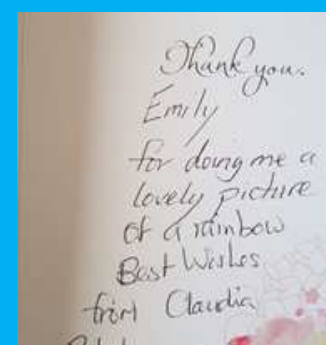
### Mr Gouldin's Jokes

What do you call a horse who live next door?  
A Neighhh-bour!

Two goldfish in a tank, One says to the other.  
"How do you drive this thing?"

### Good News from F2

Emily Bloomer has received a thank you card from her neighbours, thanking her for the rainbow she made for them and George has baked his Grandad a cake.



## Special Mention

### F1

Imogen Lendrum for her fabulous shape work.

Harry Soar for his outstanding Topic and Maths work, especially his labelled drawing of a fish.

### F2

Sophia Swann for working so well at home and creating a dazzling Rainbow Fish using playdough.

Arlo Botha for creating a colourful and amazing aquarium with lots of different sea creatures.

### Y1

Lucy Soar for making fantastic animal fact books with great illustrations and written facts.

Ted Beevers for working really hard on his pre cursive writing and independent story writing.

### Y2

Lukasz Cichy for communicating positively about his home-learning regularly, taking part in a wide variety of suggested activities.

Rhys Ingham for consistently working through the home-learning tasks including practising his handwriting.

### Y3

Ethan Elliss for completing a variety of home learning tasks, cooking for his family and using the time to practise his guitar and karate with his tutor online.

Oliver Wildsmith for showing a great attitude to home learning, completing lots of activities and being a great big brother.

### Y4

Brooke Muzombi for some excellent work on the water cycle this week.

Cody Harrison for his work on the water cycle this week. He has also played out Kahoot quiz 3 times to make sure he achieved 100% and is currently at the top of our quiz leader board.

### Y5

Joe Jackson for his fantastic attitude to home learning and striving to complete the tasks to the best of his ability.

Emilia Cichy for her fabulous water cycle vocabulary work and creative story writing.

### Y6

Evie Blunt for great creativity in preparing for and celebrating VE Day.

Aisling Senior for fabulous wildlife photography.

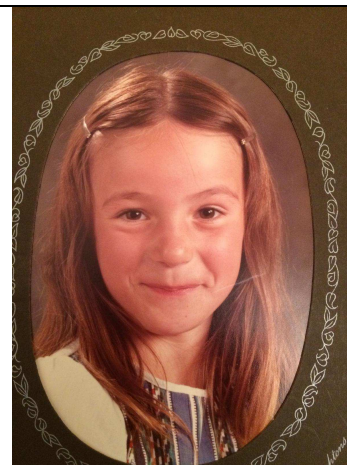
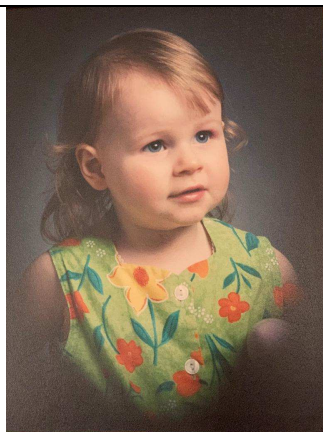
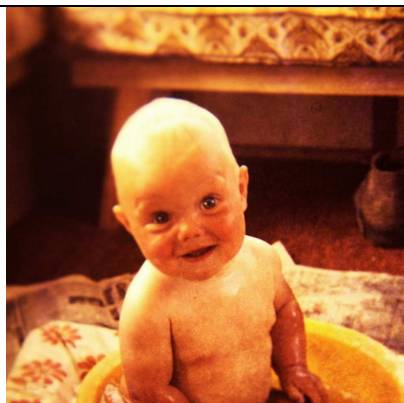
## Virtual Worry Wednesday

Looking after children's mental health is always important. With the current lockdown measures in place and children not accessing school, it is even more important that we are able to support children with their worries. In school we have something called Worry Wednesday where children can talk to someone about their worries. We have set up an email address where children can send in their worries. A member of staff will then respond to their emails.

The address is;

[worrywednesday@olsj.org.uk](mailto:worrywednesday@olsj.org.uk)

## Guess Who?



Can you spot Miss Duffy, Mr Shillaw, Mrs McLaughlin, Mrs Hale, Mrs McMurdo, Mrs Deakin, Mr Gouldin, Mrs Olding and Miss Hornsby?

Answers next week!





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### Online Payments using School Gateway



Have you registered yet? It really is easy to do, just go to [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) and click on the 'New user' tab. Enter your email address and mobile number and you will then be sent a PIN number by text. In future you will be able to log in with your email address and the PIN.

Schoolgateway Keeping up with what's going on at school is easier than ever

EXISTING USER NEW USER

Please enter the email address and mobile number that your school(s) contact you on and press the 'Send PIN' button. You will then be sent a new PIN number by text message.

EMAIL ADDRESS

MOBILE  SEND PIN

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You can now make payments via School Gateway app. Download from your app store.

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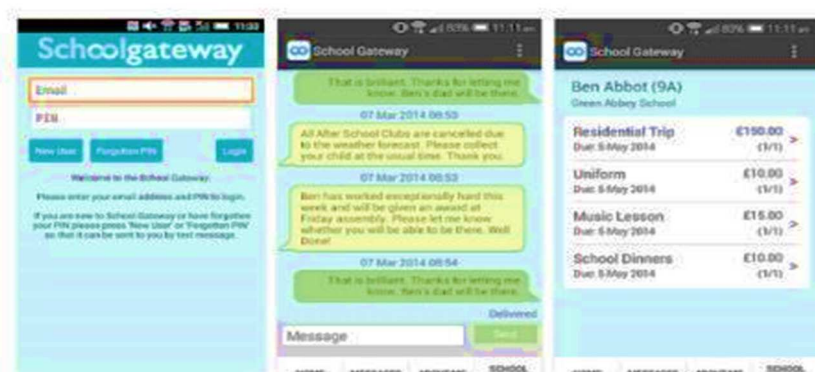
USED BY OVER 2,000 SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UK



You can also download the School Gateway app via your app store, on iTunes or Google play. You will then receive messages via the app (similar to WhatsApp and other instant messages) rather than by text, avoiding charges for using texts.

**\*Please note you must turn on push notifications to receive alerts for new messages and updates\***

You will also be able to make payments via the app on your mobile phone. This screen gives you further information.



School Gateway is the fast, easy, low cost way for parents and schools to communicate.

- Your school must have School Gateway before you can use this app.
- You must turn on push notifications for the app to receive messages and updates from your school.
- To register/login your school must have your email address and phone number on their schools system. If you can't log in please check these details are up-to-date at your school.
- Your app will automatically display information for multiple children / schools as long as the schools use School Gateway. Please check your email address and mobile number at all your schools match.
- If other family members of your family want to log-in please make sure their email address and mobile number are also registered with the school.

The school controls the functionality available to you – some parents will have more than the basic messaging functionality including being able to make payments to school, view breakfast & after-school clubs, view timetables, notify of absence and update contact details.