

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Term Newsletter – First Half Term

We hope you enjoyed Easter and, as always, it's been our great pleasure to welcome all the children and families back to school for the first half of the summer term. As always, there are lots of things happening in school and along with this newsletter we have sent out our 'Diary Dates' as a separate document for you to keep. This newsletter gives you some important news and information about school and we very much look forward to working with you during this first half of Summer Term.

Our Catholic Schools Pupil Profile values for this half term are GRATEFUL and GENEROUS.

The children are learning to be GRATEFUL for the many blessings God gives them. They are learning to be GENEROUS to others in sharing their time, talents, care and knowledge.

Please donate some flowers for Mary – the Mother of Jesus – special assembly Wednesday 20th May

On Wednesday 20th May we will be celebrating a May assembly in honour of Our Lady in her special month of May. If you can, please send in some flowers for the special display on Wednesday morning. We will put all of the flowers into vases and create a beautiful display around the statue of Our Lady. You are very welcome to join us for the assembly, which will start at **2.30pm**.



Free School Meals – Pupils in current Year 2

Pupils in our current year 2 class will not receive Universal Infant Free School Meals once they move up into Year 3 this September. However, you may qualify for free school meals, and if you do it's **really important to apply in advance**. See below for details of how to apply and the eligibility criteria.

For every child that is eligible for free school meals – we receive very valuable funding from the government called 'Pupil Premium Funding.' This funding is very precious and valuable and is always spent on improving the provision in school for the children.

If you successfully apply for free school meals, you not only have the option to choose free school lunches for your child but you also bring in very precious funding for the school for the next 6 years.

Who should apply? Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6!

We only get pupil premium funding if you **apply for free school meals**. Even though all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals – you still need to **make an application** in order for us to access **pupil premium funding**. If you are eligible – whether your child is in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6 – it's really important that you **apply for free school meals**.

Am I eligible for free school meals?

If you receive the following benefits you can apply for free school meal:

- Universal Credit (provided monthly net earned income of less than £616.66, after tax and not including any benefits)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-On – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



Summer Term Trips



It's lovely to be able to offer a wide range of trips to support the delivery of the school curriculum and widen children's understanding of faith – both the Catholic Faith and other faiths that make up Great Britain. If you haven't already done so, please double check that you have paid your contribution for your child's summer term trip via Arbor. We have subsidised the cost of all of the trips with donations from the school fund and your parental contribution is very much appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Ear Piercing – please do this in the summer holidays as we don't allow earrings at school

We do not allow children to wear any jewellery. This is for safety reasons. If you are considering getting your child's ears pierced please remember they will not be allowed to wear earrings at school. It is a good idea – if you are thinking about having your child's ears pierced – to get this done at the very beginning of the summer holidays. This gives 6 weeks for the piercing to take hold meaning the earrings can be removed ready for the start of school. We do not allow children to wear earrings under any circumstances so please plan ahead now and avoid any potential upset. Thank you very much indeed for your support – we really appreciate it.

Uniform

St Joseph's is well known for its high standards of uniform and appearance, and we have only achieved this because parents are completely supportive of us. We've sent out lots of reminders lately and we have called and met with lots of parents – **thank you to everyone because you have all been 100% supportive.** This means a lot. As a quick reminder, please remember:

- Children must wear **smart, sensible, black school shoes** (or boots in winter) No trainers or jelly shoes.
- **Hair dyeing** and **extreme fashion haircuts** such as **shavings and engravings are not allowed.** Boys' and girls' hair must be neat, tidy and sensible. **Long hair must be tied back.** Ribbons and hairbands should be **small** and in **school colours.** Giant bows and bands are not allowed.
- Girls can wear trousers, a skirt or a summer uniform dress. **Leggings are not allowed** even under dresses. Thick tights may be worn – these must be **plain blue, white, grey or black with no patterns, designs or writing.**
- **Earrings and jewellery are not allowed.** Temporary tattoos are not allowed. Nail varnish is not allowed.

Full uniform details are on our website.



Attendance and Punctuality



Any one of us can be running late from time to time for good reasons – but children must ordinarily arrive at school at the correct start time – and as per school registration rules – they will be marked late if they arrive after the start time. We reserve the right to unauthorise persistent lateness and this will be recorded as unauthorised absence which can ultimately lead to intervention from the Education

Investigation Service and possible penalties. Please support regular attendance and regular good timekeeping. Thank you for your support.

Brilliant in Britain Week and Module Three of Life to the Full– WB Monday 29th June 2026

This is a special focus week in school where the children learn even more about Fundamental British Values and the various different faiths that people in Britain have. Children in KS2 will be visiting paces of worship for other faiths during this special week.

During this week we will also be teaching Module Three of our Relationships, Health and Sex Education Programme – Life to the Full. 'Life to the Full' is a Catholic Relationships, Health and Sex Education programme approved by the Archdiocese of Birmingham and published by Ten Ten Resources.

We would also like to let you know that all of the programme content can be viewed by parents in the parent portal where there are also suggested home activities should you wish to support the programme at home.

The Life to the Full Parent Portal Login details for St Joseph's are:

Go to: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/ **Username:** st-josephs-dy2 **Password:** wood-2

Summer Get Together

The Summer Get Together (Friday 3rd July at 3.30pm). The Get Together is a great opportunity for everyone to come together in school before we break up for the summer holidays. There will be a raffle, lovely things to eat and drink and we are hoping to be joined by some special visitors – more details to follow!



Parents in school

We enjoy working closely with parents and are proud to offer many opportunities for parents to join us in school. Each class has open lessons, one per term, which focus on a different subject each term. Parents are also very welcome to attend weekly celebration assemblies, Mass and other celebrations. When children, and adults including myself, are at the front of the hall it is very important that the 'audience' is as respectful and courteous as possible. Children work hard to practice readings for example and it's important that they are not put off by parents talking or answering mobile phones. I myself find it distracting when leading worship or celebration assemblies if parents are talking, either with each other or via a mobile phone, so this must be very off putting for our children. Mass and other forms of worship are times when we should show reverence in our worship. I am asking for your support in ensuring that all parents are able to enjoy the achievements, performances and worship in school with their children. It would be such a shame if we were unable to host parents in school for these special gatherings.

We want you and your child/ren to be happy – so please keep in touch

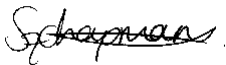
The safety, educational progress and personal happiness of every child and family we serve is our TOP priority. **We try hard to make St Joseph's the best school we can – but things can, do and always will go wrong!** No school can be perfect! **The most important thing we can do is to promise to always try our very best to sort out problems as quickly as possible.**

It's really important that you let us know if you or your child is upset or worried about something. The sooner we know – the sooner we can sort things out. Never, ever spend the evening or the weekend worried or upset – be totally assured that as soon as you tell us we will do everything in our power to sort things out and make things better.

Thanks for your support

Everyone at St Joseph's loves working with each and every one of the children and their families. We are grateful for your support of the school and the personal kindness and courtesy you show to us.

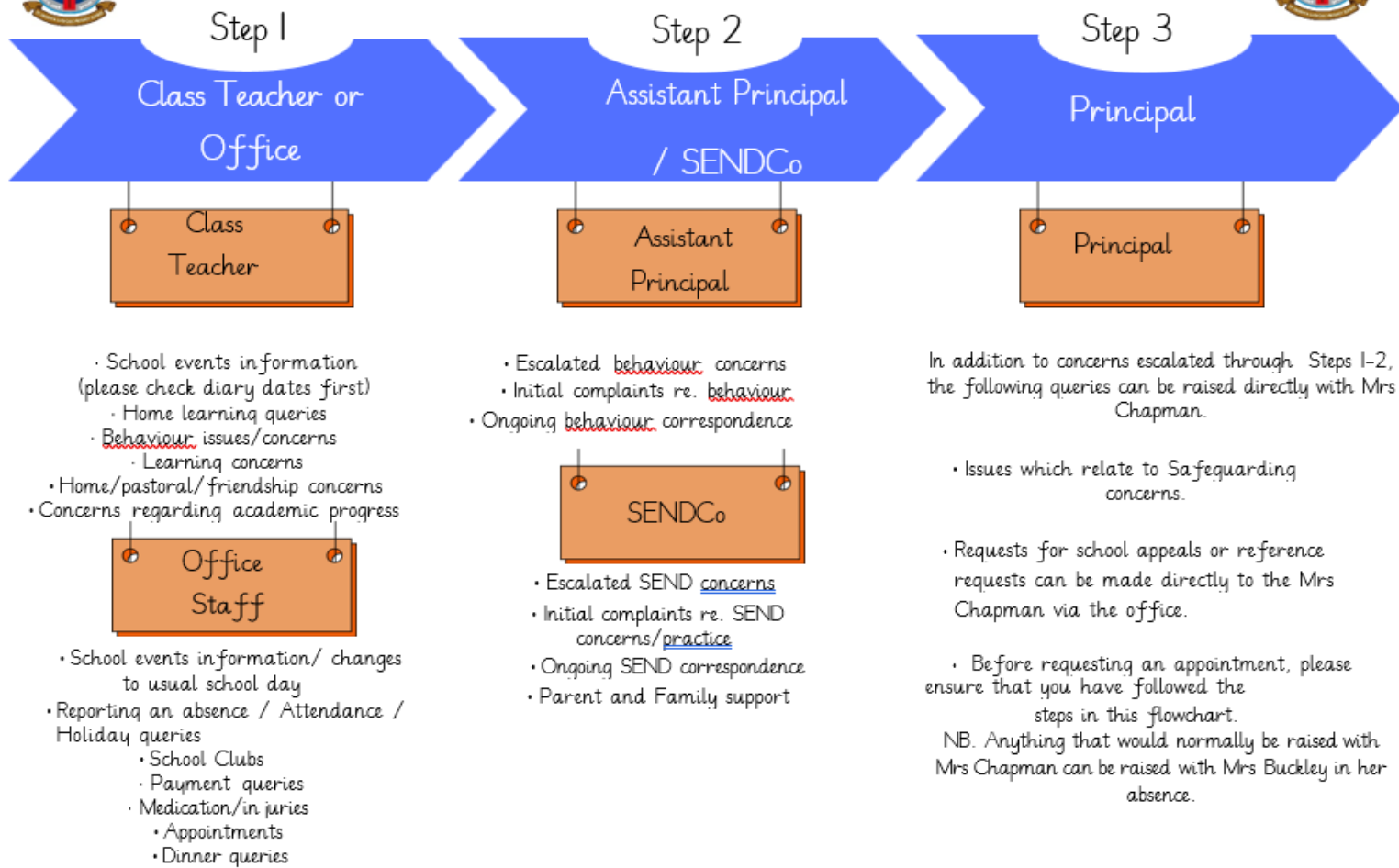
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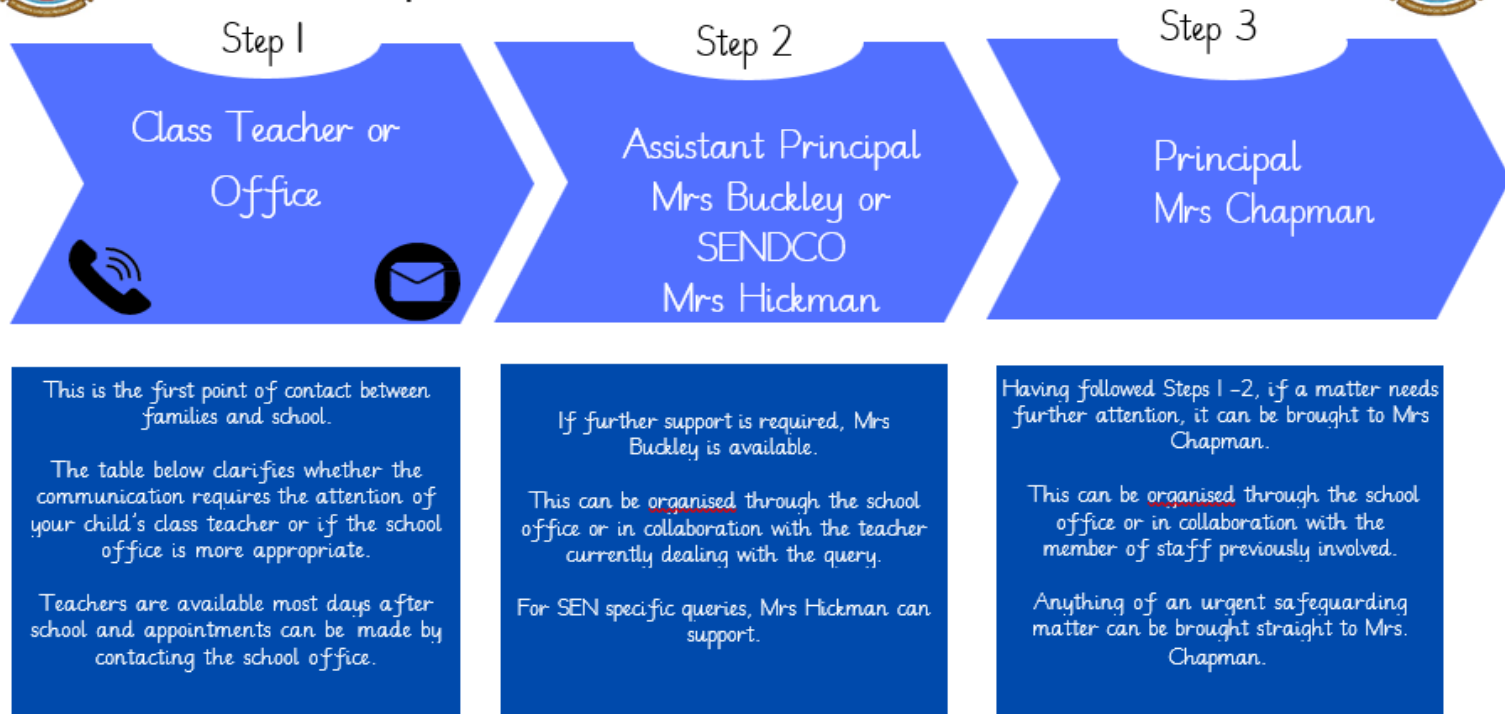
Mrs S Chapman,
Principal



St. Joseph's Communication Flowchart



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"At St Joseph's we work, learn and grow together guided by Jesus' teachings"

Tuesday 21 st April	Year 2 Think Tank Visit Year 1 leading Mass– join us at 9.15 if you can
Wednesday 22 nd April	Year 3 Buddhist Temple Visit Water Workshop Catch-up Sessions
Thursday 23 rd April	Year 3 Oratory Visit
Friday 24 th April	Year 5 St Chad’s Cathedral Visit Year 5 to visit St Chad’s Cathedral
WB Monday 27 th April	Anti-bullying and Anti-racism Week Year 4 Gurdwara Visit
Tuesday 28 th April	Year 3 FHC Retreat Day Year 6 leading Mass – join us at 9.15 if you can
Thursday 30 th April	Year 6 Islamic Experience Visit
Friday 1 st May	Year 3’s Assembly– join us at 9.15 if you can
Tuesday 5 th May	Year 5 leading Mass– join us at 9.15 if you can
Wednesday 6 th May	KS2 Parliament Assembly
Thursday 7 th May	Gymnastic Talent Day
WB 11 th May	SATS Week for Year 6
Tuesday 12 th May	First Reconciliation for Year 3
Friday 15 th May	Year 2’s assembly– join us at 9.15 if you can
Saturday 16 th May	First Holy Communion in Church at 10am
Tuesday 19 th May	Year 3 First Holy Communion celebration Mass– join us at 9.15 if you can
Wednesday 20 th May	May Procession at 2.30pm
Friday 22 nd May	Year 1’s assembly– join us at 9.15 if you can
WB 25 th May	Half Term
Tuesday 2 nd June	Year 4 leading Mass– join us at 9.15 if you can
Wednesday 3 rd June	Reception’s trip to Owl Farm
Thursday 4 th June	Year 6 Confirmation Parent’ Meeting 2pm
Friday 5 th June	Poetry Recital – join us at 9.15 if you can
WB Monday 8 th June	NSPCC Stay Safe Week
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 2 leading Mass– join us at 9.15 if you can
Friday 12 th June	Year 5’s assembly– join us at 9.15 if you can
Tuesday 16 th June	Year 4 visit to Dudley Canal Year 1 leading Mass– join us at 9.15 if you can
Wednesday 17 th June	Year 6 to visit St Mary’s Oscott
Thursday 18 th June	Confirmation Retreat Day for Year 6
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 5 leading Mass– join us at 9.15 if you can
Wednesday 24 th June	1.30pm Cat Purser in Year 6 for transition workshop
WB Monday 29 th June	BIB Week – Other Faiths & Module 3 of Ten:Ten
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 4 leading Mass– join us at 9.15 if you can
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 6 to visit Warwick Castle
Friday 3 rd July	Summer Get Together
Monday 6 th July	10.30 am Year 1 and 1.30pm Year 2 Sports Days
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 3 leading Mass– join us at 9.15 if you can After Mass Year 6 Reconciliation 1.30pm Year 6 Sports Day
Wednesday 8 th July	Confirmation 6pm for Year 6 9.30 am Year 3, 10.30am Year 4 and 1.30pm Year 5 Sports Days
Thursday 9 th July	9.15am Reception, NAM 10.30am and NPM 1.30pm Sports Day Year 3 to Visit Wroxeter City
Friday 10 th July	Summer Performances – Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 at 9.15am Years 3,4,5 and 6 2.30pm
Monday 13 th July	Optional Parents’ Evening
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers and Confirmation Celebration Mass– join us at 9.15 if you can
Thursday 16 th July	9.30am Year 6 Graduation– join us at 9.15 if you can
Friday 17 th July	End of year Celebration Assembly– join us at 9.15 if you can



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