



ST JOSEPH'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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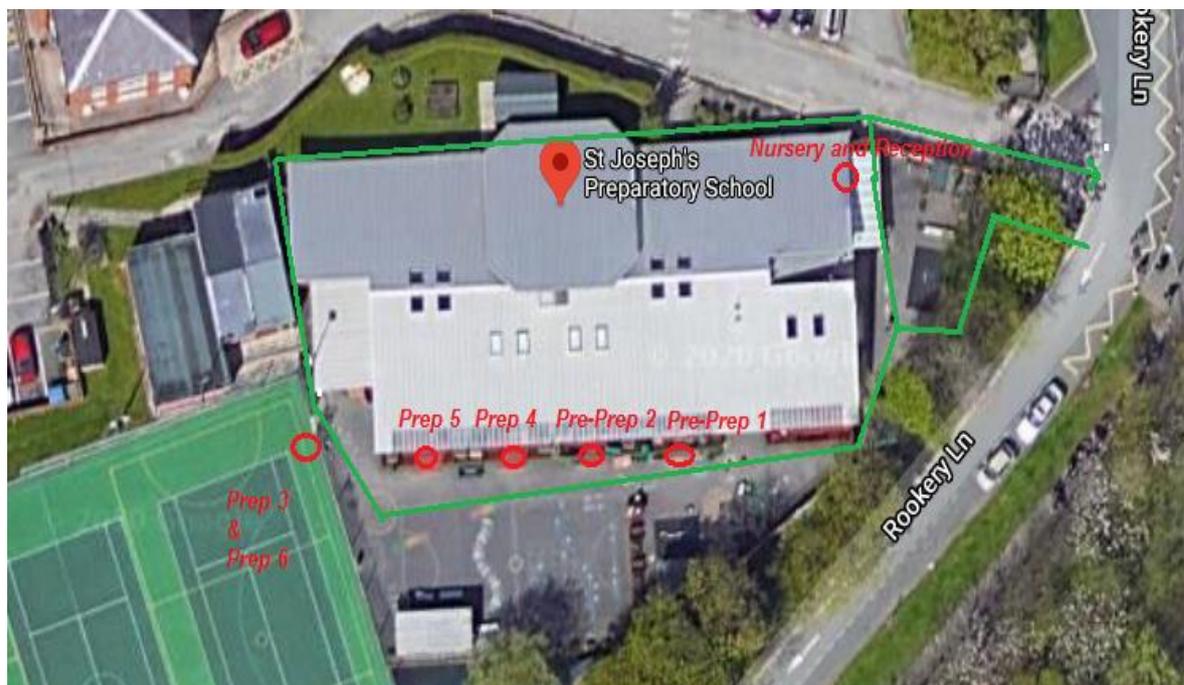
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Dear Parent

I know I speak for all the staff when I say it has been a superb day and we have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the children back to school; full of smiles and a little taller - and in a few cases a lot taller.

Today has been a learning experience for us all, I now know which nursery surface is best for pushing tractors on and just how much water can be jetted from the nursery sinks onto the floor when fully turned on. I am also aware that the routine for collecting children after school was not quite as smooth as imagined from my desk and we are therefore going to change the procedure slightly for tomorrow:

- All parents will enter the school site via the green nursery gate on Rookery lane
- Nursery and reception parents will wait on the nursery playground and collect from the Nursery door as usual
- All other parents will come onto the main playground and wait opposite their child's classroom and children will be dismissed from their balcony, prep 3 and 6 whose classrooms are on the opposite side of school will come onto the tennis courts or during inclement weather will use Prep 4 and 5
- Parents will then leave through the gate at the back of the school and follow the path back past the Hall and reception to create a one-way circuit. (this is also the door from which children in Joe's club can be collected after 3.45pm)



We would ask that whilst parents are waiting they keep back from the balcony to allow passage through the playground and that they observe social distancing as role models to pupils.

I would also like to tell you that Homework will commence for Prep children from Monday and we are hoping to have issued all reading books by this weekend.

I imagine there will be quite a few tired children tonight and perhaps some staff too, and I look forward to catching up with those of you I did not speak to today over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



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