



St Joseph's RC Primary School

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Respect Honesty Forgiveness Equality

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Dear Parents

I hope you had a good weekend. It is good to see that the finer weather is continuing despite it getting a bit colder.

Risk Assessment

I continue to update the risk assessment as we adapt to our new environment and the following updates have been added. You will find the full risk assessment on the school website.

Reading Books

Resources such as reading books must undergo a strict 72-hour quarantine arrangement before and after they are distributed, this protocol is as follows:

- Book covers sanitised using wipes before distribution
- Sanitised again on return
- Quarantined for 72 hours before re-use or before return to reading resource room

Hand sanitiser

Some children are taking their own hand sanitiser to school. If this is being done because of a medical need (i.e. skin rash directly related to the gel in school), please let us know in an email to the school office so that this can be recorded. Then children are permitted to carry their own.

All other children will be asked to gel their hands as per the risk assessment on entry to and leaving the building. Hand washing also continues regularly throughout the school day. If your child is not keen on hand gel or handwashing, please encourage them and we will continue to do so in school. You may find [this link](#) helpful.

Parent appointments

These are being held by video conferencing or by phone call this term. We hope things will run smoothly. You can help us with this:

- If your appointment has been booked via the google booking system, the system works on 15 min slots, however, your appointment with the teacher will last no longer than 10 minutes and may be shorter. The teacher will need to start finishing the meeting up about the 8-minute mark.
- Please enter the meeting with your microphone muted.

- You are welcome to have your child with you when speaking to their teacher but please reduce other background noise wherever possible to make sure the meeting is as productive as can be.

Sacramental Preparation

Confessions of our P4s and P5s have been heard by our local priests in the school garden over the last few weeks. This week, the P5s will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Wednesday and Thursday at the Cathedral. We wish them and their families all the best and hope that although different, the sacraments bring joy to the whole family, both near and far. Mrs Fowler will communicate final details separately with families today.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sinéad Lindsay".

Sinéad Lindsay

Head Teacher