



Archdiocese of Birmingham

## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

### ***April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit***

#### **School Masses**

We have been advised that from 4<sup>th</sup> May the Bishops of England and Wales have confirmed that school masses may again take place for 'bubbles' of classes. This is really good news and means that the children can, once again, be part of the worshipping community. More information will be provided as it is made known. We are unsure whether or not this means that parents can be invited, for instance. Full risk assessments and cleaning protocols will be put in place when the time comes.

Saturday – 1<sup>st</sup> May - is the feast of St Joseph the Worker – we pray, in this year dedicated to St Joseph, for all who are looking for work in our society.

#### **Local Election Voting – SCHOOL CLOSED**

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May the school is a polling station for the Local elections and therefore it is closed to staff and pupils.

#### **Health and Safety in the School Grounds Reminder**

Please remember that at all times we need to be vigilant in maintaining the welfare of all children and families on the school grounds. Please be mindful of the following:

- Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds
- Smoking/Vaping is not permitted on the school grounds or outside the church
- Bikes/scooters must not be used in the drive area
- Young / pre-school children should refrain from climbing and be monitored

The area outside the school can become very congested, more so with the restrictions on social distancing that are in place at present. I would also ask that you are mindful of blocking the pavement when waiting to collect your child. Parents are having to walk into the road to get around groups of parents on the footpath who are chatting. Thank you for your support with these important health and safety issues.

#### **PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

In relation to the above notice, we continue to have reports of completely unacceptable parking practices at the beginning and end of each day. Sadly, there are also reports of verbal abuse when drivers are asked to move into a safer (and legal) space. What does this say about our community? What witness are we giving to the children? **PLEASE** respect the rules of the road, our children's safety, families and yourselves. Thank you to all who honour, with courtesy and respect, what we lawfully expect.

#### **Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy**

We are looking to appoint a kind, caring, flexible and hard-working person to work alongside our established team to supervise the children at lunch time, in the dining hall and on the playground.

Hours of work are: 12:00 midday – 13:15, Monday – Friday (6.25 hours per week) although some flexibility of start and finish times may be required due to current COVID regulations.

More details relating to this position can be found on our website under the Vacancies tab.

If you have relevant experience and are interested in applying please email.

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Yours sincerely,

*HMCusack*