



# St Joseph's Catholic Academy







### Friday 10th January 2025

#### Dear Families,

Happy new year to you all, we hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to 2025. The children have come back to school with an abundance of enthusiasm and have enjoyed delving into their new learning for this term.

#### PE Uniform - update

Thank you to the 107 parents and carers who shared their thoughts about our PE uniform policy. We really appreciate the time you have taken to share your views. We have taken your feedback into consideration and we are pleased to share our updates with you.

**92%** of people said that they would prefer their children to wear PE kits to school on PE days. Therefore, we invite all children to wear their PE kit to school on PE days, every day, from now on. We do ask that children **wear FULL PE uniform** on their PE days, that is a blue hoodie, blue t-shirt, plain black / navy tracksuit bottoms and black trainers.

If your child does not have a blue PE hoodie or blue PE t-shirt, we ask that children wear their usual blue school jumper or cardigan with a white polo shirt (this can be a plain white polo, it does not need to have the school logo). We will be monitoring this closely in school, to ensure that all our children look smart in school each day and they take pride in their appearance. We have plenty of uniform in our pre-

loved stock and will be happy to distribute this to anyone who needs uniform for PE days. Thank you.













#### PE Days

Monday – Foundation and Year 2
Tuesday – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
Wednesday – Year 4 and Year 5
Thursday – Year 3 and Year 6
Friday – Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6
Swimming takes place on Mondays – please can children wear full school uniform into school on these days.

Thank you for your time and support with these changes. We really do appreciate your feedback and suggestions, it has been so helpful in updating our PE uniform policy.

Have a wonderful weekend, God bless, Mrs Dabbs

## **Key dates for your diary:**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm PTFA Meeting on Teams

Friday 31st January Open Classrooms – Maths Focus

Friday 14th February Last day of the term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February Half Term Holiday

Monday 24th February Back to school

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February Parents' Evening (VIRTUAL)

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February Parents' Evening (In PERSON)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: A MESSAGE FROM FR CHRIS We are now looking forward to First Holy Communion in 2025. <u>Application forms are now</u> available from Fr Chris after any of the Masses.

Please return the form by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025. It is for children in Year 3 and above.

The first meeting for parents will take place on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 7.00pm in the Octagonal Hall when we will introduce the course and give out the plan.

The first session for children will take place on Sunday 26th January 2025 from 9.20am- 10.20am and the children will join their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word.

