To: All Parents / Carers

16th July 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

**School Reports**

We are delighted with the progress that all children have made this year, despite the significant disruption. Reports have now all been sent home and if you wish to discuss any matter regarding your child’s report, please contact the school office to make an appointment for a telephone conversation with your child’s class teacher giving an indication of the area for discussion.

**Sports Week**

The children fully embraced the many activities made available to them during our Sports Week. They certainly appeared to be thoroughly enjoying themselves and partaking in a variety of activities. Pictures will be available on the school website from next week.

**Parent Survey**

The Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team of St Jérôme School have very much valued the feedback we have received from parents during the year and we are grateful to all those who have spoken with us. Your positive feedback and thanks are a source of great encouragement to the staff team and your ideas of how we can further improve is essential to ensuring our school continues to grow and flourish. Reflecting on the last year, we would very much welcome your comments and feedback and I now encourage you to take part in our end of year survey. We are required to demonstrate to our funding bodies and regulators the effectiveness of the school in meeting the needs of children and families and your feedback also helps us to prioritize our development plans for the future and to thank staff and celebrate our successes. The survey can be completed online by following this link:

[**Parent Survey**](https://forms.gle/RC4iKyhJxfZZwHso8)

**Change to pick up times from September**

As the current government guidance is due to change from 19thJuly we do not intend to make changes to our staggered collection times for the remainder of this academic year. However, from September, if no further restrictions are required, the following collection times will apply:

Reception\*, Year 1 and Year 2 (EYFS and Key Stage 1) – 3.30pm

Years 3, 4, and 5 (Key Stage 2) – 3.40pm

\*Reception parents will receive a separate communication regarding attendance for the first week of term.

Children should arrive at school from 8.30am – 8.55am. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 via the main school office entrance and Year 3, 4 and 5 via the playground entrance.

If it is necessary to make any changes to these arrangements we will inform you prior to the commencement of term.

**Bastille Day Celebrations**

I hope you have all had a chance to view our wonderful French videos which are on our website: <https://www.stjeromebilingual.org/bastile/>

Please make sure you vote for your favourite production and donate in support of our fundraising efforts to further develop our French library. We are hoping to raise £1000 so please encourage your family and friends to donate if they can.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

**Please Return School Books**

During the summer holiday we will be doing an audit of all school reading books. Please check if you have any reading books from school in your home and return these before the end of term so that we can ensure we have a full stock of books for use in September.

**End of Term - Wednesday 21st July**

On the last day of term, we will still be dismissing the children at the usual staggered pick up times and not at 1.15pm despite the change in the recent government guidance from 19th July.

**After School Club end of term**

Please note that there will be no after school club on the last day of term. Any families who had already booked a session have been notified separately. Thank you for your understanding.

**Extended Services Fees**

Following a review of our Extended Services provision I am writing to inform you that with effect from the academic year September 2021 the fees for Breakfast and After School Clubs will be subject to a slight price increase as follows:

Breakfast Club £5.75 per session

After School Club £11.50 per session

This was last reviewed in 2017 and we have now had the opportunity to evaluate the costs and make the above changes to the pricing structure. Of course, your child(ren) will continue to be supported in a welcoming and nurturing environment and going forward we will endeavour to sustain this level for at least the next 2 years.

**Stranger Danger**

From time to time the school is made aware of members of the general public who may interact with families outside our school. If you become aware of any individual who may cause you concern, please notify the school office via email with a description plus time and place of your concern. This information will then be held on file and shared with the authorities should it be deemed appropriate. The school’s CCTV does capture most of the immediate vicinity of the school and this continues to be monitored.

We continue to encourage all families to remain vigilant and not congregate outside the school building after collecting your children.

**Medication Return**

Any medications held in school which do not form part of a child’s Individual Health Plan will be returned by Mrs Marney before the end of term. Should your child require medication to be administered in the new academic year a new consent will be required.

We are reviewing our Individual Health Plans and if your child has a plan in place we will contact you directly regarding this matter.

**And finally……..**

As this will be the last letter for this academic year it remains for me to wish you all a safe, happy and enjoyable summer break and trust the children will have an opportunity to spend valuable time with family and friends.

We thank you all for your ongoing support and good wishes over the past very challenging year and we look forward to a new academic year with hope and optimism.

We ask that you continue to monitor your emails as we will communicate any changes due to the pandemic via this medium.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 6th September from 8.30am – 8.55am.**

Yours sincerely,

Revd Daniel Norris

Executive Headteacher