



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## NewsBite

Dear Parent's and Carers,

It has been another very busy week at St Josephs as we are now getting into the swing of being back at school. Thank you to all of the children for looking smart and working hard.

Lord God, bless our school as we enter a new academic year.

May our school be a community of welcome and hope.

Watch over our pupils - so that they grow in understanding and love.

Encourage our staff - so that their service reveals your generosity and mercy.

Inspire our leaders - so that their actions show your wisdom and justice.

Loving Father, through the Trinity you teach us the importance of relationship, help us work together to accomplish your mission: that all your children may have life to the full.

Amen.

### Condover Hall



The children had a fantastic time on their year 6 residential last week. They enjoyed the high ropes, archery, abseiling, trapeze and much more. I was incredibly impressed with their team work, camaraderie and courage; they really were superb ambassadors for our school. Congratulations also to Mrs Martin; she really is St Joseph's 'Super Woman'; much braver than Miss O'Gorman! Maybe next year the children will convince you to have a go!

Thank you children for a super residential and creating some fabulous memories.



### Year 6 Parents: Applying for Secondary School



Year 6 children moving to secondary school from autumn 2022

Online applications for secondary schools open on Friday 10 September 2021. You will shortly receive an envelope for your year six student which contains a letter about the admission process  
Closing date for applying - 31 October 2021

### Free school meals for reception, year 1 and 2 children



All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 classes automatically receive universal infant free school meals. However, if you meet the qualifying criteria listed below, completing an application for benefits-related free school meals could help your children's school get valuable extra funding through the pupil premium.

## Information for schools and parents about international travel



There is no need to reapply if your child is already registered for benefits-related free school meals and moving from one Leicester City school to another, e.g. if they are transferring to a Junior or Secondary school.

### Who is eligible for benefits-related free school meals?

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child tax credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- The guarantee element of state pension credit
- Working tax credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit.
- Universal credit with annual net earned income of less than £7,400

### How to apply for free school meals

You should only apply for free school meals if you receive one of the benefits listed above. For universal infant free school meals, speak to your child's school.

### What is the pupil premium?

The pupil premium is extra funding the government gives to schools to raise the achievement of disadvantaged pupils. The amount a school receives depends on the number of pupils eligible for free school meals.

### Parents are encouraged to register their children, even if:

- they do not want to eat school meals
- they already receive universal infant free school meals.
- This is in order to raise extra money for the school, which can be used towards extra tuition, learning assistants or after school clubs.

### Get in touch

If you have any questions on free school meals or need support with your application, please email: [education-fsm@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:education-fsm@leicester.gov.uk) or call 0116 454 1009 (option 3).

As part of a safe and cautious reopening to international travel, the [UK government's travel lists](#) have been updated.

• international travel to and from the UK has changed - everyone will need to meet a number of new requirements so [we can all travel safely and securely](#)

• before considering any international journey, parents should think carefully about the risks to them, their family, and their community, as well as the impact on their child's education

• to prevent new COVID-19 variants from entering the UK, parents and families should not travel to [red list countries](#)

Everyone who enters England having visited or transited through a red list country in the ten days before arriving in England must quarantine in a [managed quarantine hotel](#). If parents are concerned about their ability to pay for managed quarantine, they may be offered a [deferred payment plan](#) and should call the Corporate Travel Management (CTM) helpline on +44 (0)20 7429 9983.

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/grants-and-allowances/free-school-meals/>



Last term, Year 5 and 6 wrote letters to their future selves describing what life would be like and how they should help to keep our planet healthy. Environmental Education have sent exciting news this week that at least one entry from our school has been shortlisted. We wait in anticipation for the result. Congratulations, we made the short list!



#### What Age Can Child Walk to School Alone?

Years ago it wasn't uncommon to see kids walking to school. However, nowadays people are far more wary about children walking to school alone. This is because there is far more traffic and the media convinces us there is an increase in danger.

If you're wondering if your child is ready and what age can child walk to school alone, check out this simple guide on how to prepare your child for walking to and from school.

<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/walking-to-school-alone/>

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