FAQ Information for Children and Adults

What do I bring?	Packed lunch (or order a school meal in the normal way) Water bottle Tissues Coat Sun cream (you need to practise putting this on yourself! All Foundation stage children should come to school with sun cream already applied as well as being able to put their own on.) Sun hat Reading book - if you have one at home PE Kit should be worn on days that you have PE Please do not bring stationery
What do I wear?	Normal school uniform - without a tie PE Kit on PE days - white tee shirt and black bottoms.
Do I need to wear a face covering ?	No. The requirement to wear masks does not apply to schools. Government guidance is that pupils do not need to wear face coverings in school.
Where do I go when I arrive at my set time?	Go straight to your teacher who will be waiting for you near the outside door to your classroom. You will line up and then go into the classroom to wash your hands. One adult can accompany you to the door if you need them to.
What if I am in the Breakfast Club ?	The Breakfast Club will be starting again. It will open at 7.30am each day. Children will only be allowed to sit at tables with others from their own class.
What if the adult dropping me off needs to tell, or ask, the school something	To avoid close contact between adults we will ask your parents to communicate by text to 07422938855 or to email the office st.josephs.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk or to email your teacher directly. If it is urgent your parents should phone the school on 01752563185and speak to Miss Hawken.
What happens when I get picked up?	One adult should collect you. Your teacher and TA will keep an eye out for them and you will be sent to them as soon as they arrive. You will leave with them straight away. Adults can come onto the school site no more than five minutes before your collection time but should stand outside the classroom at least 1 metre away from other adults. If you are in year 5 or 6 your parents can give permission for you to walk home alone. If you do this you should still stay away from your friends when walking home.
What time should I arrive and leave?	KS1 (Foundation, Year 1 and 2) 8.40 - 3.15 KS2 (3,4,5,6) 8.50 - 3.30 The gates will only open shortly before opening and closing times and will close soon after. Please be prompt. If you have to wait outside school please keep at least one metre away from other families.
I have children in year	To make it easier for families you should follow the times of the

1,3 and 6. What time do I bring them and collect them?	youngest child. You have children in both key stages, therefore ALL of your children should arrive at 8.40 and leave at 3.15. Your children should go straight to their classroom on arrival and will go to the youngest child's classroom to be collected.
Where am I going to eat my lunch?	Hopefully it will be dry enough to eat outside some lunchtimes If not - you will eat in your classroom.
Can I have a hot meal?	Yes. Anyone who wants to can order lunches in the normal way. This includes Free School Meals and Universal Free School Meals (Year F, 1, 2)
Will I get playtime and lunchtime with my friends?	Each classroom has a space outside to play in. Break times and lunchtimes will be staggered so you can stay with your class.
Can I see children from other classes?	You might see them from afar in the playground or on your way into school, but you won't be able to play with them.
Can I sit with my friends in class?	Yes. We will work hard as a team to make our hand hygiene is excellent. Your tables, door handles and toilets will be cleaned at least three times per day.
What happens if I need help with my work?	Put your hand up, but your teacher will help you from the front of the class. They can see your work on their screen. Your teacher will not be able to come close to you
What happens if I need the toilet?	Just like usual, put your hand up and ask. ONly one child will be allowed at a time.
What will my school day look like?	For the first week back it will look like your home learning. From 15th March it will return to a full timetable. Support will be in place for those who may need more adjustment time.
What happens if I am late to school?	The adult who brings you can ring the office. The gate will be released for you to push open . You will then walk around to your classroom's outside door and you will be let in.
What happens if I don't get picked up on time?	You will wait with your teacher for a little while. If it's a long time, we will ask you to return to your classroom and sit at your desk while we contact home.
Can my parents decide if they want to send me to school or not ?	No. Parents must send children to school just the same as before the lockdown.
Why are we only in classes and not allowed to mix?	The class is like a protective bubble. If there is an outbreak it should be limited to just one class and we will know very quickly to send that class home to prevent spreading the virus

How will we keep our spaces clean?	You will wash your hands regularly Staff will regularly wipe things that are touched frequently (door handles, light switches etc.) Everything will get a thorough clean at the end of the day
What happens if I feel poorly?	If you are unwell at home we ask you to stay off. A parent should phone the school by 9.10 to tell us what is wrong with you. If you feel unwell in school you will go to a special room and wait to be collected. If you are hot, have a cough, have a rash or have lost your sense of smell or taste a parent will need to arrange for you to be tested to see if you are safe to return or if you need to stay off for longer. We will inform the Test and Trace officers. <i>Parents should use the NHS 111 online portal or call 119 to arrange testing If this happens and you have questions you can always contact school.</i> <i>We will clean the classroom thoroughly</i>
What if an adult or child in my class is confirmed as having the virus ?	We will speak to the Test & Trace officers. Anybody who has had close contact with a confirmed case will need to stay at home (isolating) for ten days to prevent the virus spreading. Parents will look out for symptoms and, if you have any, will arrange for you to be tested. <i>Use the NHS 111 online portal or call 119.</i> They should also let the school know if you have any of the Covid symptoms.
What happens if I am told I need to isolate at home ?	Your work will be available on google classroom, just like it was during lock down. There may not be as many videos though as the teachers will have all their children in class. You will be able to communicate with your class teacher through that.
Is there a breakfast club?	Yes, but you will have to sit in year groups OR remain at least 2m apart.
Will there be after school sports clubs ?	Not in the first two weeks. After that we hope to introduce clubs which can be held safely. Each club will only be open to one class at a time.
What do I do if I am worried?	You speak to the adult in your class or someone at home. It's good to tell people of your worries and it's ok to have lots of questions. This is a very unusual time for us all.
Will I be able to hug my friends or get close to my teacher?	You will be able to be near your friends, but at the moment it is best that you don't hug them. Your teacher will be in class with you, but they will not be able to get close to you unless there is an emergency.