

Mount St. Joseph

"A community of Learners, Believers and Friends"

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Hello and welcome to all our new year 7 students, parents and carers,

Re: Starting school routines

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well and that you are all enjoying your last days as year 6 students, be they in school or at home. I would like to say that I have been reading your letters to your form tutors and I am very impressed with the way you have composed them; it looks like we have a very enthusiastic, multi-talented and hardworking group of young people joining us in September.

First day

Your secondary school adventure will begin on **Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 8.30am**. On this date you will have a full day to familiarise yourself with the school before the rest of our community returns. This will give you the chance to meet your new form friends, form tutors and some other teachers from different departments. Please arrive at school at the '**student reception**' entrance for your first day only. After this day, all year 7 students will enter school via the bus turnaround entrance and enter through the English doors – all students will be shown where this is on their first day.

Lanyards & SIMS App

All new year 7 students will be issued with a purple lanyard on their first day – please keep these safe – as this will allow you to pay for your lunch and will clearly identify you as a year 7 student. If lanyards are lost, replacements can be purchased via the SIMS Parent App. A link to the parent app will be sent to all parents prior to your child's first day. We are a cashless school and the SIMS App must be used to top-up your child's lunch account.

Heathy Eating

We encourage all of our students to consume healthy food and drinks during the school day. All the meals and food served in the school canteen are all in line with the healthy schools' guidelines and policy. Please could I ask all parents and carers to remind your child that excessive amounts of unhealthy food i.e., large bags of crisps, chocolate and fizzy pop are not permitted in school. Also, energy drinks and drinks in glass bottles are also forbidden. If students do not adhere to the healthy eating policy, the items will be confiscated and parents will be invited into collect them.

Mobile phones

In order to build on and develop student progress and attainment, we need to focus on all aspects associated with learning, eliminating distractions for students. I would like to request the support of parents and carers in reminding their child about mobile phones and other electrical devices; these should be switched off and kept out of sight during the school day, including break and lunch. Students found using any electronic devices in school will have them confiscated until the end of the school day. Should you need to contact your child (in case of an emergency) during the school day we would ask that you call school and we will deliver any messages needed.

Uniform

Mount St Joseph has an excellent reputation within the community. To maintain this, we need to ensure that uniform is of the highest standard. Please ensure you refer to the **school website (link below)** for the full school uniform list. I would like to highlight aspects of uniform around hair and jewellery – students are not permitted to wear any piercings, or have extreme hairstyles and colours. [Mount St Joseph - Uniform, Jewellery & Hairstyles \(msj.bolton.sch.uk\)](https://msj.bolton.sch.uk)

Further information

I hope that you have all received the information we have been sending via email and that you continue to keep up to date with all our links on the website, msj.bolton.sch.uk, where you will find everything you need under the 'Transition' tab. We have worked tirelessly to ensure all the information for students, parents and carers is readily available on the school website. However, if you have any questions that are not answered on these pages please email your child's form tutor or myself on the addresses provided on the website.

Stay safe, we are very much look forward to welcoming you to our community in September for the start of this exciting new chapter.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Key Stage and Transition