

Mount St. Joseph

"A community of Learners, Believers and Friends"

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Supplementary information – School routines 2023-24

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support for our school community. **We would appreciate it if you could also go through the contents of this letter with your child** to ensure they are clear regarding our expectations. We appreciate your support in these matters as we continue to raise our expectations and standards which will ultimately improve outcomes for our young people.

Attendance and punctuality

As part of our drive to continue to raise standards, we would like to request your full support to continue in ensuring that your child attends school on time every day, and that they are fully equipped and prepared for school.

Student absences may be reported via email to attendance@msj.bolton.sch.uk

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 jewellery, any piercings (including clear piercings) or have extreme hairstyles and colours. [Mount St Joseph - Uniform, Jewellery & Hairstyles \(msj.bolton.sch.uk\)](http://www.msj.bolton.sch.uk). In addition, students must not wear false eyelashes, false nails or make-up.

Year group-coloured lanyards must be worn at all times and are now part of the school uniform. Please store them safely over the holidays and remind your child to bring this into school when they return. Lanyards are necessary to purchase lunch and breaktime snacks. If your child has lost their lanyard, please contact reception@msj.bolton.sch.uk and we will arrange for an order to be placed on your behalf, alternatively, orders can also be placed on the SIMS app.

Could I also remind you that when purchasing school trousers, they must be tailored trousers (not slim fit or jeans)? Also, when buying school shoes, please ensure that they are shoes, not trainers as these are not acceptable (please see the following link for more information [Footwear \(msj.bolton.sch.uk\)](http://www.msj.bolton.sch.uk) I look forward to your support in ensuring these high standards of uniform are adhered to. If you are unsure of any aspects of the school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school before you purchase the items

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.

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. All the above information and further information can be found on the school website: [Mount St Joseph - Home \(msj.bolton.sch.uk\)](http://msj.bolton.sch.uk)