



**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**  
**Diocese of Clifton**

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With St Therese as our guide we do little things with much love to make a big difference for everyone.



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and that your children have returned to school feeling refreshed! The children have had a great start to the Autumn Term and have been busy working away within their classrooms.

As you may be aware, throughout the year we identify and run 'keep up' sessions for those children who need a little bit of a 'boost' or for those children we believe would benefit from additional support to improve their confidence within Reading, Writing and Maths.

This year, we are adapting our approach slightly for Reading and Maths so that it is timely and reactive to the day-to-day teaching and learning within the classroom. These sessions will be focusing on ensuring children are secure with the key sounds/spelling pattern from the Phonics/Spelling lesson that day, as well as the key methods they have been practising in their Maths lesson. This is therefore reactive and assessed daily so that the children who are identified and picked up for these sessions will change daily.

If there is a sound or Maths objective that your child has found particularly tricky, they will be able to take part in these 1:1 sessions. Sessions take no longer than a few minutes on a 1:1 basis, and will be a rapid recall activity using specialised resources from our 'Unlocking Letters and Sounds' scheme and 'CanDo Maths' scheme. We are delighted to have been able to provide CPD from an Early Reading specialist, as well as having a Maths specialist, both of whom will deliver these sessions across the school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via the SLT email if you wish to discuss anything further.

Many thanks for your continued support,

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Mrs Natalie Guoite  
Early Reading and Phonics Lead/Maths Lead

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