



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

## ***'Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance'***

Thank you all so much for continuing to work with us as a school as we face the challenges of post lockdown and all that that entails. We will continue to keep you up to date on the ever-changing guidelines and the practicalities of the situation.

We are entering into the cold season and as I emailed earlier in the week, your children will only need to isolate if their symptoms are Covid related ie, high temperature, new and persistent cough and loss of taste. Attached to this email and also on the website is a useful flow chart to support your decision making if your child is unwell. I hope that it helps and thank you for all you are doing to work with us at this challenging time.

As a school, we are doing all that we can to keep our children and staff safe however, it is inevitable that we will have to deal with a confirmed case in the future. All of the measures that we have in place will reduce the spread, but they won't stop all cases and the need to isolate. With this in mind, I have put together actions that we would do should this happen. By sharing these with you, it prepares us to act positively and to cope with the situation in the safest way we can and not to panic.

The list of statements below outlines the planned actions when hearing that we have a confirmed case in a year group.

- Immediately inform the management team in the school and the class teachers and TAs of that bubble.
- The year group with the confirmed case would **NOT** return to school and the parents of those children would be informed by letter that they would need to self-isolate for 14 days.
- If I hear the news over a weekend, parents of the year group would sent a text and information sent via Parentmail.
- The year group bubble would be sent home including teaching staff.
- Classrooms, toilets and any adjacent classrooms would be deep cleaned and any adjacent year groups would be moved out for the day or work from home. This would depend on the situation. It is imperative that the area is fully deep cleaned and would need the corridor to be clear to enable this to take place.
- The child with the confirmed case would isolate for 10 days and, if they feel well enough, would be able to return after that time as long as they haven't had a fever for 48 hours.
- Time would be taken to ensure that all children and adults who have been in close contact with the child would be identified. We have included a definition of close contact on the Covid 19 page of the website and this has been communicated to staff.

We understand that for those pupils who need to self-isolate, it will be a frustrating time and both child and their family will feel upset. It is our job to communicate with them and check on their welfare, which we can assure you, we will. We are ensuring that our website is a window of information and learning for both yourselves and your child.





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If you have to isolate, home learning will be provided for your child on their class webpage and you can email your teacher with any questions. If the whole bubble isolates then that will include the class teacher who will continue to provide for your child in the best way they can. Please do keep a regular check on the website for information and updates.

Thank you really doesn't seem to be enough when I consider the enormity of the situation we find ourselves in. We are all in this together and will get through it together.

Every day I give thanks for St Joseph's. We are a powerful force and I know we will not be beaten.

Yours in faith and partnership

**Mrs Louise Bury**  
Headteacher

