



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

*Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."*

*Deuteronomy 31:6*

As you are probably aware, tough new measures have been announced to combat the coronavirus pandemic. I am constantly in touch with the latest guidance to ensure that we are dealing with this unprecedented situation in the best way we can. I have and will continue to let you know how we are continuing to respond to the situation and ask that you help make sure our school and parish community stays calm.

You know how much we passionately believe in giving our children every available enrichment opportunity but today I have made the decision to cancel all after school clubs, in school sporting events which involve travel including swimming for Year 3. The Year 1 trip to the Safari Park is to be postponed until later in the year. Stay and Read will not take place until further notice and although it pains me to say it, Afternoon Tea with Mrs Bury will not continue to take place until it is deemed safe to do so.

Sunflowers Wrap Around Care will operate as long as we remain open. At present music tuition will go ahead as planned for Thursday and Friday of this week. We will of course keep you updated on this.

The Lower Key Stage 2 Easter Play has been postponed until a later date which we will inform you of in due course. The children have been enjoying their rehearsals and the scenery is looking great so you can be assured that it will go ahead at some point.

## The current situation as I see it is:

- School remains open – this is the current official guidance we have been given.
- Pupils should attend unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they should remain at home for 7 days: a new, continuous dry cough and/or a temperature.
- If your child has underlying health conditions, please seek medical advice and keep us updated. Please be assured we will trust your judgement in these instances.

## What we are doing to protect and support staff and pupils:

- If your child develops flu like symptoms in the day we will contact you immediately and ask that you make arrangements to collect them.
- If your child is feeling anxious at the moment then please speak to your class teacher, Mrs Eaborn, Mrs Barker, Mrs McDonagh, Mrs Jackson or myself for additional support.

## What you need to do:

- If you have recently changed your contact details, please inform the office **as soon as possible**.
- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to.
- Keep talking to us – we are here to help as best we can.





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## What happens if school has to close:

School will only close if we are either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school. In either case we will inform parents via the school texting service and the website. These will also be used to notify parents of the school reopening. Work will be set during the closure period and it is essential that you allocate, with your child, time each day to completing work. Daily reading is essential. Class teachers have prepared for this eventuality. I thank them for their time and dedication to their role.

## Home Learning

Should we close, information for parents will be sent home, directing them to the year group web page where learning activities will have been set. There will also be email addresses where, as parents you can get in touch with the class teacher to ask anything relating to the learning. Should the closure be lengthy then work will be updated and communication sent via the texting service and website for everyone.

This is a surreal situation that is out of anyone's control and we can only pray that things will improve. Sending my good wishes to you all during this challenging time. You are all in my prayers.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury  
Headteacher

