



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents

***'Never let a bad situation bring out the worst in you, be strong and choose to be positive.'***

Thank you for keeping up with the correspondence that I am sending to you. There is so much development and change and I want you to have the most relevant and up to date information as it is given to me. Below is the latest update from Worcestershire Local Authority, on the procedures we need to follow when a child shows symptoms of Covid 19. The following is taken directly from that guidance:

*When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.*

*All staff and children who are attending an early years, education or childcare setting will have access to a test **if they display symptoms** of coronavirus and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.*

- ***Where the child or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and their fellow household members can end their self-isolation.***
- ***Where the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their early years, childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.***

We are continually reviewing and updating our in-school procedures to ensure that we maintain the highest levels of safety for all. To clarify for you:

If a member of staff has helped someone with symptoms, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves (and in which case, a test is available) or the child subsequently tests positive.

They will wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell. The affected area will be cleaned with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people

If a member of staff has helped someone who was taken unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves any contact with someone who is unwell.

Thank you for your continued support at this time. As we begin to welcome the children back and reflect on our life here in school, we can begin to think about the future. There is so much information that is normally shared with you at this time of year. I know that you will be thinking about next year, staffing, transition to the next class and all that that entails. I can assure you that you will be informed in due course.





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Importantly, I need to inform you that on **29<sup>th</sup> June 2020**, we have a designated Teacher Training Day which will still go ahead as a time for planning and review work for all staff for September. **This will be a day that we will be closed for all pupils including key workers.**

This just leaves me to say another huge thankyou to you all for everything that you are doing for your children. Stay safe and stay strong. We will get through this.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury  
Headteacher

