



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents

*Never stop believing and hoping for the better, that's what keeps you going through difficult times.*

We are nearly at the end of term; I cannot thank you enough for your support as we continue to work together during this very challenging time. I must continue to stress the importance of you continuing to adhere to Government guidance.

I have been asked to inform you of the following:

If your child is symptomatic on 19 & 20th December, you should arrange for immediate testing here: <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/condition>

Any child who has COVID-19 symptoms starting on 19th or 20th December should arrange for immediate testing and inform the school immediately using the following number: 07719108185 if the result is positive.

Any child who develops COVID-19 symptoms and tests positive on or after 00.01hrs on Monday 21st December will not need to inform the school but will be required to self-isolate for 10 days and their close contacts will be identified through the national Contact Tracing Service (CTS).

Any children who need to continue their self-isolation into the new term must inform the school of their absence in the usual way.

I must remind you that under no circumstances should any pupil return to school if they are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms (however minor) or are unwell in any other way. You should arrange for a test and inform the school.

Thank you for all that you have done and are doing. The raffle boxes look amazing – the draw will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and next week we are collecting for the Foodbank. It is only by working together that we will get through this. I am always overwhelmed by your generosity.

This week KS1 will have their Christmas Lunch. Last week KS2 thoroughly enjoyed theirs – huge thanks to the kitchen team for their hard work and dedication. I have to remind Key Stage 2 parents that you must ensure that your lunch payments are for the right week and in by the deadline. Also, there can be no expectation that by sending your child in with no lunch they will be given a meal. This is putting a strain on the system and stock levels. The procedures are there for a reason and I ask that you kindly adhere to them.

You can look forward to all of the details for the end of term in this week's newsletter – the last of 2020 and my Christmas letter will go out on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

I look forward to seeing many of you on zoom this Friday for the regular Q & A. The invitation will be sent out today. Please note, it will be at the slightly later time of 10.30am.

We must keep calm and carry on in true St Joseph's spirit!

Yours in faith and partnership

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Mrs Louise Bury  
Headteacher,

