

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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Dear parents/carers,

The Government is trying to support families by extending schools current childcare provision, and trying to facilitate pupils coming back into the building in larger numbers. As you are all aware we have been open every day since Monday 23rd March supporting our Key Worker families and our most vulnerable children. Staff have been in school every day including all the holidays ensuring that these families have a place for their children ensuring that they are able to go to work safely.

On Sunday 10th May the Prime Minister made an announcement to the British Public via television, where he outlined a plan to get the country back to work. On Monday 11th May, he spoke in parliament and finally at 5pm some provisional guidelines were issued about how schools should start to re-open to their wider population of pupils. As you can all imagine this is not a simple or straightforward task and the safety of both our pupils and staff is of paramount importance to myself and the governing body. As such, it is going to take some time to review the guidance and work out how it will work in St Joseph's Catholic Primary and what it would look like for your children and our staff.

Initial guidance, is that we would look to return the Year 6, Year 1 and Reception pupils in a phased and reduced capacity starting in June, followed slowly by the phased return of all other year groups in June and July until school finishes and closes to all pupils, for the first time, on Friday 17th July 2020. It is going to take planning and flexibility and undoubtedly not everyone will like what the plans look like, however please appreciate that we are doing our best under new and challenging circumstances, where government guidance is changing daily.

As plans become clearer and the practical details become more evident I will write to you all again, in the meantime I appreciate all of your continued support through what is a difficult and challenging time, please know that all the staff keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers, most especially all of those who have lost loved ones during this time.

God Bless you all and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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