

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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Dear parents/carers,

School will be closed to all pupils from Monday 25th May for the Half term holidays and it will only re-open on Monday 1st June for **Keyworker children**. If you are a keyworker and need your child to be in school week commencing 1st June please can you send an email marked KEYWORKER to stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net by Wednesday 27th May 10 am, including the days you require your child to be booked in, so we are able to plan safe staffing ratios. School will be open to keyworker children from 9am – 3pm and children must wear their school uniform from 1st June, entering through the front door. Key worker's will need to **email every Wednesday** to book for the following week, without the email your child may not be able to access a place for that week as we need to ensure staff ratios as this group grows in numbers.

Following the multitude of Government guidance, suggesting that Year 6, Year 1 and Reception pupils may be able to return to school from 1st June, school has been planning extensively to look at how we can do this whilst also ensuring the safety of both pupils and staff. A meeting between the Head Teacher and Governors will take place during half term week to review all the risk assessments, updated policies and implementation plans ensuring that **if** the school were to re-open it would do so in a small phased way. The plan will be slow and systematic to ensure that Rec, Y1 and Y6 are brought in in the safest possible way possible, for all staff and children.

From our planning and risk assessing to date, the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will **not commence until Monday 8th June at the VERY EARLIEST** and again this may end up changing over the coming weeks. Children will only be brought back in small groups even after that date and this phased plan will only happen as the risk assessments deem it safe for staff and pupils to do so. Please **DO NOT** bring your Rec, Y1 or Y6 child to school until you have been spoken to personally by a staff member.

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 plans evolve, Government Guidance is updated 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,

A D Thorpe

Mrs A D Thorpe
Headteacher

