

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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Dear parents/carers,

In a public update from Durham Local Authority, this morning, they have updated guidance recommending that schools should not open to the wider population of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 until **Monday 15th 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. School will continue to be open to Key Worker children from 1st June and places need to be booked via stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net with Key Worker in the subject field.

The St Joseph's school Governing Body met with the Headteacher this morning and considered the various risk assessments, government guidance and the updated local authority guidance and together they took the decision to follow this county wide recommendation in the best interests of all of our staff and pupil's health, safety and well-being.

As you can all imagine, bringing children into school under the new COVID-19 systems and regulations is not a simple or straightforward task and the safety of both our pupils and staff is of paramount importance to all of the governing body. As plans continue to 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 everyone 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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