

St Joseph's Catholic Academy

A Leading Edge Technology & Applied Learning College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic Academy and congratulations on gaining a place for your child, we're delighted your child has joined our school community.

The transition from primary to secondary school is a crucial stage in your child's life and I want to reassure you that we are here to support your child. We are particularly conscious that given the current school closures due to social distancing measures it may be the case that some of the traditional methods of supporting transition may not be possible, so we are working hard to put in place a 'virtual' transition programme that will support your child in their journey from Year 6 to Year 7.

We currently have dates planned for two separate transition activities that traditionally take place in the summer term:

New Parents Welcome and Information Evening: Tuesday 16th June 6.00-7.00pm

At this event you and your child will be given the opportunity to meet staff within school and we will provide key information, there is also an opportunity to order school uniform from our suppliers JK Clothing from 5.15pm.

Y6 Transition: Thursday and Friday 9th-10th July

Students have the opportunity to spend two full days with us visiting classrooms, meeting staff and sampling lessons.

We will be in contact with you once we can confirm whether these events are going to go ahead.

Virtual Transition Programme

Given the current school closures we have begun work on a Virtual Transition Programme to support your child. **Please find enclosed a Student Information Form that needs to be completed and returned to us by Friday 15th May.** We will use this information to support our communication with you and your child, including access to the virtual or online activities and resources we are preparing. Please return the completed Student Information Form to school ideally via email attachment to office@stjosephs.uk.net or by post (addressed to Mrs L. Thompson, Pastoral Officer).

As far as possible we are working collaboratively with our primary feeder schools on our Virtual Transition Programme so that together we can ensure your child finds the transition to secondary schools a positive and reassuring process.

We would like to ask you to access our school website which is regularly updated with news: www.stjosephs.uk.net



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Teaching School Alliance

Caritas Christi Urget Nos
'The love of Christ spurs us on'



Bishop Chadwick
Catholic Education Trust

If you do not currently follow our [Facebook](#) page, it can be found by searching for St. Joseph's Catholic Academy or @stjosephsca. Our Facebook page allows followers to be informed of important dates and news of events taking place in school throughout the year and currently we are posting daily updates for students and their families during the school closure.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family well during this challenging period. We are living in unprecedented times but I am confident that by placing our trust in God and through our positive home-school partnership we can support one another as a school community and emerge with a strengthened and renewed sense of care and value for each other.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P. Mitchell
Acting Headteacher