

# St Joseph's Catholic Academy



## A Leading Edge Technology & Applied Learning College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update**

#### Students coming into school

Thank you all for your support by keeping your child at home unless you are Critical Workers with no safe alternative. The small numbers who are now coming into school mean that we have very few staff needing to leave their homes for work which supports the instructions from the Prime Minister and, in some cases, also reduces the demand for childcare in other schools and providers.

#### Year 11 and Year 13 Qualifications

There have been no updates since last week from the Government with any further details on the awarding of qualifications this summer. I know how frustrating this; as soon as we have any more information, we will let you know.

#### Students working at home

I hope that your child has been able to access and complete the work that they've been set. A reminder that work can be accessed via our school website ('School Life', then 'Home Study Work'). If you have any worries or concerns about the tasks and activities, then please email [homestudyhelp@stjosephs.uk.net](mailto:homestudyhelp@stjosephs.uk.net) for support. Your child's completed work can also be sent to this email address.

The work currently on the website should be completed before the Easter break. After the break, there will be new tasks set for every subject each week. Your child should continue to try to follow their 'normal' timetable to ensure structure and variety each day.

Thank you again for supporting your child with this as we know how important it is.

#### Keeping in touch

Over the next few days, senior staff and pastoral leaders will be making phone calls to all families to keep in touch and check that you are able to access the learning resources that have been provided. As we are running school with very limited staffing, reception and the school office are closed and therefore our phones are not manned. However, it is still possible to contact school via email to our office address [office@stjosephs.uk.net](mailto:office@stjosephs.uk.net). Emails are still being checked by our staff that are working from home.

I know that many children and families work closely with our pastoral and SEND staff. It's really important that we keep that routine contact during the school closure period so, each week, those members of staff will telephone to speak to you and your child to see how things are going.

Please remember that you are able to contact your child's Head of House and Mrs Bowman (our SENCO) via email. A number of other useful contacts were shared on our 'Useful Contacts' sheet on Friday which can also now be found on our website in the 'Contact Us' section.



**Northern Saints**  
Teaching School Alliance

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



**Northern Saints**  
Catholic Education Trust

### Free school meals

If you are eligible to receive free school meals, you should have received an e-voucher to your email address that can be used at ASDA supermarket. Any issues around this please email the school office at [office@stjosephs.uk.net](mailto:office@stjosephs.uk.net). If this changes at any point we will be in touch with you.

### School Website

We are frequently adding new documents to our school website, in order to provide up-to-date information to the St Joseph's school community. These are accompanied by a text message, which will have a link to the item on the website.

Please check the 'News & Events' and 'Letters' sections of our website frequently for any updates.

### School Newsletter

St. Joseph's Journal school newsletter will now be published on a weekly basis. The newsletter will contain stories and articles from staff and students, all contributions are welcome! We would particularly love to see photos of the fabulous work students are producing at home. Please email: [homestudyhelp@stjosephs.uk.net](mailto:homestudyhelp@stjosephs.uk.net)

### Social Media

Many of you follow our various social media accounts. There are several posts each day, sharing a wide variety of information.

For those of you who would like to follow us:

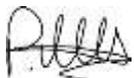
Twitter: @St\_JosephsCA

Instagram: st.josephscatholicacademy

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Thank you again for all of your support at this time. We will continue to communicate with you regularly.

Kind regards



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