



St Joseph's
Catholic Primary School



23 November, 2020

Dear Families,

This week's Statement to Live By is:

I can work, play, rest and pray each day

We look forward to welcoming Year 2 back to school this week. This is the first time we've had to ask children not to attend school - not something we want to do at all. Please remain vigilant and follow the guidance to keep everyone safe and well.

It is appreciated that families have been mindful of social distancing and have left school grounds quickly after drop-off and collection.

Please remember that we have a one way system in place at the end of the day (access to the yard via the gates on Bishop's Road and exit via the gate onto Armstrong Road). Thank you.

We are very pleased to report that, as of this week, we have had **no** pupils with a positive test result. Please remain vigilant and if any of your family display symptoms then you must follow the guidance regarding self-isolation.

Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature** - this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back.
- A new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- A loss of, or change in, their normal sense of smell or taste** - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Recognising the symptoms

There is a video at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-54182329> (this link is on the school website). This gives guidance on how to tell the difference between a cold and coronavirus. Please watch!

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Policy for Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education

The draft school policy for Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education has been placed on the school website for information and to give parents/carers an opportunity to provide feedback on the policy. If you would like a paper copy of the draft policy please contact the school office or your child's class teacher via Class Dojo and a paper copy will be sent home with your child. Thank you to those families who have responded with their feedback. If you haven't already please return your feedback by **Tuesday 1 December, 2020**

Happy News

Congratulations and 'goodbye' to Miss Burke, who became Mrs Wilkinson, following her wedding, which took place during half term.

We wish Mr and Mrs Wilkinson a happy and healthy future together.

Christmas Performances

Covid 19 rules and regulations mean that we are unable to produce our usual Christmas performances this year. At the moment the guidance allows no more than 15 children to sing together, we can't mix class bubbles and, sadly, we're not allowed to perform for a live audience. However, alternative plans are in place.

Each class will present a performance which will be videoed and put onto the school website. Clearly, if classes or individual children have to self-isolate, our performances may not be as polished as previous years; however the show will go on (as it always does) and the talent we have in abundance at St. Joseph's will shine through!

As always may I thank you for your cooperation with us through these challenging times. We work hard to keep your children and ourselves safe and happy. The children are amazing and very resilient, and have been a source of inspiration and encouragement for us all. Thank you for your support. It is always gratifying to receive positive and encouraging comments from you and they are greatly appreciated.

God bless

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