

At St Joseph's we Love, Learn and Live by the example of Jesus Christ

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Dear Parents / Carers

What a difference a week makes! This time last week we were basking in glorious sunshine and 30 degrees heat, and today it feels like we are in the depths of Autumn!

Like me, you may have watched the PM's announcement on Tuesday evening. The UK's COVID alert level was raised from 3 to 4, the second most serious stage, meaning that transmission is high or rising exponentially. The measures we have put in place are helping to ensure that pupils are not mixing with other children outside of their 'bubble' during school hours. You can help us by making sure that your child stays with you during drop off and pick up – please remember pupils should not be playing on the playground. This is to prevent them from coming into contact with other children and adults outside of their 'bubble'. We do have staff and pupils in school who are 'vulnerable' and it is important that we all do our bit to help keep these adults and children as safe as possible. Thank you to all the parents who are already doing this.

Please be aware that pupils should not be sent into school, and will be sent home from school, if they have any one (or more) of the following coronavirus symptoms and they should get a test as soon as possible.

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

I know, and fully appreciate, that this can cause significant inconvenience, especially with the current difficulty in obtaining a test, but we are only following Government guidelines and really need, and appreciate, your full support.

I'm sure you'll be pleased to know that I am taking a new approach in that I won't be mentioning Nottingham Forest in the newsletter for a couple of weeks, as your good wishes aren't bringing them much luck at the moment!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

God bless

