



## ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Archdiocese of Birmingham

Principal: Mr A Carry

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Re: School Closure and Home Learning**

Thank you so much for your support at these difficult times. As you know, school will be closed from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 except for those who have taken up the offer to receive continued support and care (please see separate letter). I would like to assure you that we will be here for you throughout the period of school closure. You may just want a chat or inform us about how your child is dealing with the social distancing requirements in the fight against COVID-19; please call or email [info@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk).

Dudley School Nursing Services will be available to Children / Young People and families to access if required. Our School Nurse's name and contact number is: Bethany Edwards 07970972477. Alternatively, please contact the admin office on 01384 408990.

We will still continue to offer safeguarding provision and should there be any safeguarding or welfare concerns email [info@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk). Alternatively, you can phone Dudley Safeguarding People Partnership on 0300 555 0050 (9am - 5pm), 0300 555 8574 (out of hours) or in an emergency call 999.

### **Home Learning**

Education packs have been sent home. Inside the pack is a letter about Education City, keep checking on Education City for new Homework activities - these will be updated regularly. Please look at the School Website. Click on Our Community – Children's Area select Year Group - Home Learning. Here you will find a document from the class teacher with instructions for Home Learning. This will also be updated.

We care very much about you and your child. Crucially, we are acutely aware of the need to look after you and your child's mental wellbeing. We want you to know that we will do all we can to try to retain some form of normality and routine in your child's life. We also want to support their education so they are not disadvantaged during the closure.

By working on the educational tasks set, children will reduce a sense of boredom or frustration. This will improve their mood and feelings.

Here are some ideas from the NHS website of what you can do as a family to support your wellbeing:

- spend time doing things you enjoy – this might include reading, cooking, other indoor hobbies or listening to the radio or watching TV programmes

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- try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, drink enough water, exercise regularly, and try to avoid smoking, alcohol and drugs
- keep your windows open to let in fresh air, get some natural sunlight if you can, or get outside into the garden

You can also go for a walk outdoors if you stay more than 2 metres from others.

We are very proud of all the children at St Joseph's and for all they have achieved this year and we will keep all you in our prayers.

Do take care and stay safe – God bless.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr A Carry'.

Mr Carry  
Acting Executive Head teacher

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