



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

COVID-19

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Government has resisted closing schools until now, but in the face of the rapidly rising numbers of cases across the country and intense pressure on the NHS, they now need to use every lever to reduce all contacts of Covid -19 and reduce transmission as much as is possible.

The latest guidance published late last night clearly states that during the period of national lockdown, schools and colleges should only allow vulnerable children and the children of critical workers to attend. Children with at least one parent or carer who is listed as a critical worker are eligible for a school place. It is not necessary for both parents to be critical workers. Please complete the Google Form that has been sent to you via Marvellous Me and is on our Facebook and Twitter pages. You may be required to provide evidence of your employment.

In order to reduce transmission of the virus and maintain a safe environment for all pupils and staff, NPCAT schools will remain open for all vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. St Joseph's will be open to children from Little Joeys upwards.

Places for children of critical workers should be booked via the school office on enquiries@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk. **Places can only be booked from Monday 11th January onwards if the Google form has been completed.** Attendance should be regular not ad hoc.

All NPCAT schools will continue with the wrap around provision already established. At St Joseph's Breakfast Club will be in operation from 7.30am each morning.

Our school minibuses will continue to run and times will be reviewed once numbers travelling are known.

School gates will open from 8.35-8.50am and children can be collected from 3pm.
If you have any questions, please contact school.

Yours sincerely,

A G Toward

Head Teacher

Christ be our light, in life, love and learning

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