

Plymouth Cast Academy Trust
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher: Mr Neil McDermott BEng (Hons) MEd



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday (20th March) until further notice (this includes breakfast club and late owls).**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, emergency workers, social workers, food supply chain employees) and children with certain needs. At present, we are awaiting clarification from the Department of Education as to who constitutes a key worker. There is also no guidance as yet to say if this criteria refers to both parents/carers being in this category or just one.

If you believe that you may come under this category (a key worker) contact the school office (by email) immediately informing school of the nature of your work and that of any other carer/parent in your household; details of days worked and the names of your children and year groups. We will then contact you by Friday afternoon to let you know if you qualify for childcare and inform you of arrangements for next week.

Unless you have been contacted by school, do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by text message and email. Please make sure we have your correct details by contacting the school office at stjosephs@sjcp.co.uk.

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

- Our school website (address below) has year specific web links to learning opportunities
- Continue to focus on home learning such as daily reading, learning times tables, learning to tell the time etc.

During school closure if you need to contact the school please do so via email or text. The school's email account and text service will be monitored daily.

If your child usually receives free school meals, we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this.

Remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, use [NHS 111 online](https://www.nhs.uk).

Thank you again for your patience, with God's grace and the support of our whole community I am sure we will overcome the current challenges.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Neil McDermott
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