

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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"One FamilyMany Gifts"
"Un Teulu Anrhegion Di-ri"

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now received further guidance from the local authority. The following plans are now being put into place.

From today (20.03.20), all schools will close to their pupils. **On Monday, all schools will open to provide care / recreation / learning for children of essential workers.**

This is the local authority's list of essential workers:

- health workers – all those employed within the NHS
- blue light / emergency service officers
- social care workers, *those working in care homes, providing domiciliary care within the home setting, social workers.*
- supermarket delivery drivers
- prison officers and other prison staff
- probation service staff
- school staff (if you work in another school provision for your child to attend St Joseph's is available)

"Grab & Go" Bags (consisting of a sandwich made from wholemeal bread (ham/cheese/jam), fruit , biscuit and a drink) will be provided for all our free school meal pupils. Kitchen staff will be aware of any allergies. Pupils who travel to school by home to school transport should go to their nearest Primary or Secondary school to pick up their bags. Identification will need to be provided. **Arrangements about collecting / delivering this food will follow shortly.**

Please ensure that any child who has been absent from school this week/ family members that are in isolation due to symptoms, do not return to school until after the 14 day period has passed. This is in line with NHS guidelines and to ensure that we continue to safeguard our pupils and staff.

I am sure that you will agree that the local authority has worked extremely hard at putting these measures in place and we are extremely grateful for everything that they are doing for our families at this very difficult time.

Many thanks to all of you for your support during this extremely challenging time.

Please keep each other in your prayers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C M Dineen'.

Mrs C. M. Dineen

N.B: If you have any special requirements when visiting us which we need to consider, please contact the school.

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