

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Dear Parents,

As concerns for the (COVID-19) Coronavirus continue to increase, I want to assure parents and carers that we are monitoring the situation very closely and are in touch with Healthcare Professionals along with following Government advice.

We are continuing to take every opportunity to remind the children about the importance of washing their hands at key points during the day along with deep cleaning the school at the end of every day and where possible during the day too.

School closure remains a popular debate and if the decision is made by the Government to close schools, then we will notify parents via; the school website, letter (if during the school week) and text messages.

Your child's education is very important to us and included with this letter is a list of websites that can be accessed free by parents in the event of school closure. In addition to the websites below children will be bringing their education city passwords home so that curriculum work can be accessed and if possible additional work in homework books will be set.

Please continue to use the up to date information that is provided by the following websites regarding the current COVID-19 situation.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Thank you, as always for your continued support of the school. I hope and pray that everyone in our school community remains safe and healthy at this worrying time.

Many thanks,

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Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

Especially good for maths and computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. Note this uses the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.

BBC Learning

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/>

This site is old and no longer updated and yet there's so much still available, from language learning to BBC Bitesize for revision. No TV licence required except for content on BBC iPlayer.

Blockly

<https://blockly.games>

Learn computer programming skills - fun and free.

Scratch

<https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/>

Creative computer programming

Ted Ed

<https://ed.ted.com>

All sorts of engaging educational videos

National Geographic Kids

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Activities and quizzes for younger kids.

Mystery Science

<https://mysteryscience.com>

Free science lessons

Crest Awards

<https://www.crestawards.org>

Science awards you can complete from home.

iDEA Awards

<https://idea.org.uk>

Digital enterprise award scheme you can complete online.

Oxford Owl for Home

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

Lots of free resources for Primary age

Big History Project

<https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home>

Aimed at Secondary age. Multi disciplinary activities.

Geography Games

<https://world-geography-games.com/world.html>

Geography gaming!

Blue Peter Badges

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

If you have a stamp and a nearby post box.

DK Find Out

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IwAR2wJdpSJSelTf4do6aPhff8A3tAktmpaxqZbkgudD49l71ep8-sjXmrac>

Activities and quizzes

Twinkl

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk>

This is more for printouts, and usually at a fee, but they are offering a month of free access to parents in the event of school closures.