

Online Safety Information for Parents for Online / Remote Learning at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Please read and adhere to the safeguarding guidance below for online / Remote Learning.

Keeping all the children safe, even when they are not in school, is of the highest importance and we would ask you to please follow the guidance below.

Children and online safety away from school

It is important that all staff who interact with children continue to look out for signs a child may be at risk. Any such concerns should be dealt with as per the Safeguarding Policy and where appropriate referrals should still be made to children's social care and as required, the police.

Online teaching should follow the same principles as set out in the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School code of conduct. St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will ensure any use of online learning tools and systems is in line with privacy and data protection/GDPR requirements.

Below are some things which have been considered when during virtual lessons, especially where webcams are involved:

- No 1:1s, groups only
- Staff and children must wear suitable clothing, as should anyone else in the household.
- Any computers used should be in appropriate areas, for example, not in bedrooms; and the background should be blurred where possible.
- The live class will be recorded so that if any issues were to arise, the video can be reviewed.
- Live classes should be kept to a reasonable length of time, or the streaming may prevent the family 'getting on' with their day.
- Live session cannot be recorded by anyone other than the school using our own Teams systems. No photos, no audio recording, no video recording and no photos, videos or audio from any online lesson can be distributed by anyone other than the school.
- Language must be professional and appropriate, including any family members in the background.
- Staff must only use platforms provided by St Joseph's Catholic Primary School to communicate with pupils
- Staff should record, the length, time, date and attendance of any sessions held.

Supporting children not in school

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all its children and young people.

All teaching and non-teaching staff will be in contact with children from their class regularly to ensure their welfare and wellbeing, as teaching and learning is carried out remotely. Staff to report to the DSL regularly if they have not had contact with any child / family from their class.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and its DSL will work closely with all stakeholders to maximise the effectiveness of this plan.

This plan must be reviewed regularly (at least once a fortnight) and where concerns arise, the DSL will consider any referrals as appropriate.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School recognises that school is a protective factor for children and young people, and the current circumstances, can affect the mental health of pupils and their parents/carers. Teachers at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School need to be aware of this in setting expectations of pupils' work where they are at home.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will ensure that where we care for children of critical workers and vulnerable children on site, we ensure appropriate support is in place for them.

Peer on Peer Abuse

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School recognises that during the closure a revised process may be required for managing any report of such abuse and supporting victims.

Where the school receives a report of peer on peer abuse, they will follow the principles as set out in part 5 of KCSIE and of those outlined within of the Safeguarding Policy.

The school will listen and work with the young person, parents/carers and any multiagency partner required to ensure the safety and security of that young person.

Thank-you for reading and following the above guidance.