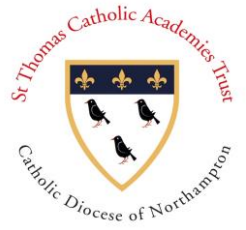




ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Roman Catholic School
in the Diocese of Northampton
Headteacher: Mr C Stapleton MA, NPQH



“The glory of God is
a human being fully alive!”

4th January, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a number of concerned parents contact us tonight after the statement issued by the Prime Minister. No doubt, your thoughts will *understandably and quite rightly be* with your family, friends and loved ones and how to look after them the best you can over the next month.

If you're at the point of trying to work out exactly how this impacts on us all in school, don't worry - here's what we're going to do:

1. In short, it's business as usual. Learning and teaching remains as it is for this week live on line via Microsoft Teams – but essentially it'll be extended for at least the next 3 weeks. We think the best thing we can do for the children and families we support is to keep the routines in place and keep the main thing the main thing – try and deliver great teaching and learning.
2. Children designated EHCP, Key worker children and those considered vulnerable will all be able to come in as they have this week.
3. The school will be open from 6.30am onwards as normal each day. There'll be plenty going on in and around the school but we're asking that if parents want to contact us – please use either the office@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk for general enquiries or cv19@st-st-josephs.slough.sch.uk for all issues relevant specifically to Covid. Please don't come to the school unless you've made a prior arrangement or meeting.
4. The Leadership Team will be meeting at 7.15am as we do every Tuesday and we'll have a plan for the future based on what we can discern from the Department of Education by tomorrow and have it up on the website and in a letter to you.

All in all, it's not an ideal situation but we're well set up to deliver what is a cracking curriculum by a great staff.

We'll need greater clarification around the January exams before we make a pronouncement in the public sphere but with centers now closed, it looks unlikely the external exams I wrote to you about earlier today will take place, and we're looking to prepare to move the Centre Assessed Grades (PPE2 Mocks) exams towards half term – meaning we're getting the learning back on track – rather than prioritizing revision – but more of that tomorrow.

But that's enough for one night – take care, this will all be over soon. Let's look after each other.

Yours sincerely

Ciran Stapleton

Head Teacher