



**St Joseph's**

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Dear Parents and Carers

The Government announced yesterday that schools will close at the end of the school day on Friday 20th March, until further notice. St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will remain open ONLY for children of frontline workers, children with Education Health Care Plans (EHCP) and children who have a social worker.

The Government will be releasing a definitive list of key workers but we anticipate these to be NHS, Police, firefighters, care workers and those delivering food. If your child falls into one of these categories and you have not made, or are able to make, alternative arrangements for childcare, please contact the school by phone or email [support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk) by midday tomorrow (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020) to let us know your child will be attending school on Monday. We need to know the number of children who will be attending so that we can ensure adequate staff will be in place.

It is important to understand this will be a different sort of provision – the children in school will have a similar entitlement to the children who are learning and home; not the educational provision normally provided. The school day will start and end at the usual time and lunch will be provided.

We will contact you with information regarding Free School Meals tomorrow and we will notify eligible families once we have the details of how the scheme will work.

We understand that this a very difficult time for everyone. We are living through exceptional times that require an exceptional response. The Government asked schools to play a vital role in the national effort to control the Coronavirus Pandemic and we will respond with commitment and dedication. We are here for you and will support you through this time. Please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or using our support email [support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk).

We will continue to collect food for vulnerable community members and provide updates when needed. Please keep up to date with the latest NHS 111 and Gov.uk advice.

We will come through this time and be a stronger community. Please look after yourselves and those around you.

Kindest regards

Mrs Lisa Lazell  
Executive Headteacher