



## St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter 29th January 2021

### **Government Announcement on Schools Re-Opening**

The Government has announced that schools will **not** re-open to all pupils after February half-term. They will announce on February 22nd whether it will be safe to open schools to some pupils from the 8th March.

*Home learning will continue to at least 8th March.*

*Although everyone wants to be back in school, it is still not safe to do so. Our frustrations and difficulties need to be put in the context that we are still in a very dangerous part of the pandemic. In this country over 100,000 people have died—this means that 100,000 families have lost someone that they loved. More families are going to lose loved ones; more people are going to have life-changing health issues as a result of Covid.*

*There is hope for the future because of the vaccines. In the meantime we need to protect each other by keeping up our resilience and patience. Keep following the guidance of hands, face, space. Don't mix with other households. Do everything we can now, so that we can all be together again soon.*

### **Home-Learning**

As remote learning will be continuing next half-term, we know that this causes difficulties and stress for many parents. You have many other commitments, as well as supporting your children's learning.

- **Don't worry.** It is school's job to worry about how your child will catch up the lost learning and to ensure that they bounce back when we are fully open again.
- **Have a routine** for home learning that best suits you and your circumstances.
- **Do what you can.** If you can't do everything, then just do what you can. We understand that some days this might be only one activity.
- **Make time for Play, Praise and Prayer.** Let your child have fun. Praise your child for any achievements, however small. And congratulate yourself for what you manage to achieve each day. Pray with your child and on your own—it is a great source of strength.
- **Keep in touch.** We are still here for you if you want support, advice or even just need a cry.

### **February Half-Term**

School and online learning will be closed for half-term the week beginning 15th February. Online learning will begin again on Monday 22nd February.

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