



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Families

I am sure you will have all either seen the Prime Minister's address or have learned through another form of communication that Primary schools will now close to all children except those of critical workers and our most vulnerable children until February half term. Please believe me when I say that I understand and share your frustrations and the timing of this news has been particularly unfortunate.

Please rest assured that all of our staff will be working really hard to provide the highest standard of remote education possible and to this end your Academy Principals will be in touch tomorrow with details and arrangements for your child(ren) over the coming weeks.

## **For those Eligible for Free School Meals**

We will be in touch as soon as possible regarding the provision of free school meals. We are arranging hampers for this week but going forward we will update you on how this will work when we have the details. We will also be in touch regarding the provision of technological devices for some of our families.

## **For children attending school**

We will have our kitchens open and are expecting the children to come in wearing their school uniform and comfortable shoes. Please don't worry if anything has been grown out of – we totally understand that all non-essential shops are closed. The individual opening conditions for each school are set out below.

### **St Gregory's Margate**

Open to vulnerable and children of critical workers from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Online learning via Class Dojo available from Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup>. Hampers to go out to families next week.

### **St Joseph's Broadstairs**

Open to vulnerable and children of critical workers from Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup>. Online Learning via Google Classroom to commence on the same day.

## St Mary's Whitstable

Open to vulnerable and children of critical workers in **Year R, 1 and 2 only from Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup>**. Parents needing places for vulnerable/children of critical workers in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 please use the form below by midday on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – **School will open for Y3-6 from Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup>**.

<https://forms.gle/9MUmxUa7rUeyE9uo6>

Remote learning via Purple Mash will commence from Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup>.

More details will follow but I just wanted to get in touch immediately following this this evening's important announcement.

You are all in our thoughts and prayers,

Best regards,

Mrs. V. O'Halloran.