



St Joseph's Catholic Academy
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To all of the wonderful children, parents and families of St Joseph's,

I cannot believe it has been two whole weeks since we closed the doors on St Joseph's in order to keep us all safe. As time goes by, we are missing you all the more. Time certainly passes more quickly when you are with us.

It was so lovely to see some parents on Friday, albeit from a social distance, who were able to come and collect an Easter egg from the school. I feel really lucky that I was even able to wave and say hello to a few children who stayed safely at the door or even the school gates! A huge thank you to Mrs Hoskins and the PTFA, who kindly agreed to donate the eggs. The remaining Easter eggs have now been donated to both a local Foodbank via St Joseph's Church and a parent who runs a care home for the vulnerable and elderly. Although we weren't able to host the Easter egg hunt this year, at least the eggs haven't gone to waste and we have been able to continue some charitable work.

The teaching staff have been really busy this week producing another letter for you; these are ready to read on the Home Learning section of our school website:

<http://stjosephscatholicacademy.co.uk/home-learning>

Also on this page, you will now find some exciting online class pages that will give you free access to lots of learning games and websites to keep your brains and bodies active. These will be updated frequently by the teaching staff and weekly letters will suggest which new activities you could try.

We are technically starting our Easter holidays today. Therefore, if you want to rest and have a couple of weeks away from learning, please do. Do whatever makes you and your family happy and keeps you safe and well at this time. St Joseph's will be closed over the Easter holidays and there will be nobody on site. Should you have any safeguarding concerns or feel that you need to contact the school urgently during the next two weeks, please email the school at stjoseph@sjnewman.co.uk and myself, Mrs Farmer or Mrs Philips will respond as soon as we can. Alternatively, you can contact St Mary's Catholic Academy, which will be the hub school over the Easter holidays, on 01782 234820 between 8.45am and 3pm, Monday to Friday.

We will also continue to update you with events, activities and notices via Twitter ([stjosephgoldenhill](https://twitter.com/stjosephgoldenhill)) and through our new Facebook page: St Joseph's, Goldenhill- please Like and Follow us if you haven't already done so.

As we enter Holy Week, the most important week in the Church's calendar, I ask you to draw upon your faith and trust in God. This week is predicted to be the most difficult yet, and so let us continue to pray for those most in need during this crisis: for the victims of Coronavirus and their families, and for the truly amazing NHS staff, care workers and other public services who are



working tirelessly to combat this dreadful pandemic. Here are a few resources that you may wish to use to support and comfort you and your families spiritually over the coming weeks:

The Pope's Holy Week message: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/39281>

Ten:Ten daily prayers for the home: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/>

Weekly worship and song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NL-kS4ZP6hs&feature=youtu.be>

It only remains for me to wish you all a happy and holy Easter and to thank you for your continued support. I am keeping each and every one of you in my prayers in the hope that you all remain safe and well. God bless you all.

With very best wishes,

Mrs R Wilson,

Acting Head of School.