



St. Joseph's RC High School

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8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Updated arrangements regarding remote learning

Further to my letter on 5th January, the First Minister has confirmed today that Welsh Government will bring the decision-making on schools into line with their three-week review timetable of 29th January. This means that students will continue to learn remotely until Friday 29th January. I have been informed that at this point, unless the rates of community transmission in Wales reduce significantly by 29th January, most students in schools will continue working remotely until the February half term.

Qualifications Wales have also announced the cancellation of the spring internal assessment window (due between 22 February and 23 April) for GCSE, AS and A levels. Revised assessment arrangements for the award of these qualifications in summer 2021 will be put in place shortly.

I recognise that these changes are disruptive to your own lives and commitments. I am genuinely sorry for this and trust you understand these are out of the school's control. Be assured we will continue to communicate with you as soon as new information is shared with us.

The school will continue to be open to children in Year 7 and Year 8 of critical key workers who have no other options and urgently require childcare. Please contact your child's Head of Year to discuss the possibility of provision at St Joseph's RC High School:

Year 7 oames@sjhs.newport.sch.uk

Year 8 swebster@sjhs.newport.sch.uk

Similarly, the school will be open to pupils who have arranged support via Miss Jones, Head of Inclusion: djones2@sjhs.newport.sch.uk

I fully appreciate that this decision to delay face to face learning will be upsetting. However, please be assured that we will do our best to continue to provide high quality learning experiences for your child through our online platform Google Classroom and live lessons through Microsoft Teams. Please find at the end of this email your child's live lesson timetable for the week beginning 11th January. On Friday 15th January we will provide you with their timetable for the weeks beginning Monday 18th January and Monday 25th January. I have also included a reminder of some contact details that you may find useful.

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As we continue to navigate our way through these turbulent and emotional times, I would like to thank everyone for their messages of support and encouragement. Please do contact us if you or your child needs our support. I will carry each member of our St Joseph's RC High School family in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jarrett

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