



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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Keeping our School Community Safe

Dear Parents/Carers

3rd February 2021

I would just like to remind you about some of the National Lockdown rules. You must not leave or be outside of your home except where you have a 'reasonable excuse'. **This is the law.** The police can take action against you if you leave home without a 'reasonable excuse' and issue you with a fine (Fixed Penalty Notice).

Leaving home

You must not leave, or be outside of your home except where necessary.

Meeting others

You cannot leave your home to meet socially with anyone you do not live with or are not in a [support bubble](#) with. It is against the law to meet socially with family or friends unless they are part of your household or support bubble. You cannot leave home for recreational or leisure purposes (such as for a picnic or a social meeting).

Exercising

You should minimise time spent outside your home, but you can leave your home to exercise. This should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.

You can exercise in a public outdoor place:

- by yourself
- with the people you live with
- with your support bubble (if you are legally permitted to form one)
- in a childcare bubble when providing childcare
- or, when on your own, with 1 person from another household

This includes but is not limited to running, cycling, walking, and swimming. Personal training can continue if participants are from the same household or support bubble. It can also continue if it is one-on-one, although this should only take place in a public outdoor place, and not in someone's private home or garden.

Public outdoor places include:

- parks, beaches, countryside accessible to the public, forests
- public and botanical gardens (whether or not you pay to enter them)
- the grounds of a heritage site
- public playgrounds

Playgrounds are primarily open for use by children who do not have access to private outdoor space, like their own garden. Although you can take your children to a playground for exercise, you must not socialise with other people while there.

[Stay 2 metres apart](#) from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

Staying away from home overnight

You cannot leave your home or the place where you are living for holidays or overnight stays unless you have a reasonable excuse for doing so. This means that holidays in the UK and abroad are not allowed. This includes staying in a second home, caravan or boat, if that is not your primary residence. This also includes staying with anyone who you do not live with unless they are in your support bubble.

The full guidance can be found here; <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home#summary-what-you-can-and-cannot-do-during-the-national-lockdown>

All staff at St Joseph's are expected to follow the law in order to keep our community as safe as possible, whilst making personal sacrifices to fulfil their role. You cannot underestimate the impact on staff morale when they become aware that there are some families who are failing to adhere to the government guidance of the National Lockdown rules and are then sending their children into school, putting staff and other families at risk.

If we have confirmation that a pupils' behaviours outside of school continues to breach government guidelines of the lockdown rules, I will have no option other than to withdraw a place where those outside behaviours put the school community at risk. This applies to all children that are currently being sent into school.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Howells
Acting Headteacher

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