



ST JAMES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, HEBBURN

4th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. We have been so grateful for those of you who have taken the time out to show your support. We feel that we **MUST** reiterate that we did not have any information regarding the need to close the school due to RAAC until Friday 1st September. We have since then worked tirelessly as a team from Friday and over the weekend to ensure that we can come up with a plan as quickly as possible to ensure face-to-face learning for our children.

As you know the school building is out of use whilst we put safety measures in place. We cannot enter the school building at all during this time.

We are working collectively with BCCET and our trust schools to come up with a plan to provide face-to-face learning locally for all of our children. As I'm sure you will understand the logistics of this is no less than **HUGE**. It includes fire checks, health and safety checks, safeguarding, as well as catering, safe play space, toilets and much more.

We are working to ensure that the impact on pupils is kept to an absolute minimum and want to reiterate that your child's education is paramount to us. We are committed to continuing to educate pupils face-to-face but we may need another few days to get this right. We will make sure that learning is available on our website, under the curriculum tab and then your child's class. We will send a text when this is available. Please do not feel that you must access this tool, but it is there if you so wish. We know the pressure you are under.

As you know school is closed on Tuesday. Unfortunately, school will need to be closed on Wednesday while we finalise arrangements and seek alternative premises.

The Department for Education will be supporting us throughout and will also be assisting with longer-term remediation measures so that we can bring all pupils back into school once we are fully confident it is safe to do so.

If you do have any queries, we would ask that you please contact info@stjameshebburn.co.uk and we will do our utmost to reply as quickly as possible. This will allow myself and the team to focus on ensuring everything is in place with arrangements as quickly as we can.

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As soon as we have any further information we will let you know.

Thank you for your continued support towards myself and our staff here at St James.

Kindest regards

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