

*“We can confirm that pupils from St. James Catholic Primary School, Hebburn are all now back in face-to-face learning.*

*Reception Class are situated within St. James Church in their Emmaeus room. Years 1 – 4 are situated in a small section of classrooms at St. Joseph’s Catholic Academy and Years 5 and 6 are situated at St. Aloysius Catholic Junior School. All pupils are being taught by St. James’ staff in their respective locations.*

*We would like to thank our pupils, parents and staff for their continued patience and support. We would also like to give a huge thanks to our friends and colleagues across our Trust for their support, and our wonderful local parish and parishioners for accommodating us at such very short notice.”*

**Mrs Francesca Heslop, Headteacher, St. James Catholic Primary School, Hebburn**

*“Having just dropped my daughter off for school this morning, something that I didn’t think would be possible given the news late last week regarding the school having to close. I would like to send a huge thanks to Mrs Heslop and all the fantastic staff involved in working tirelessly to ensure that our children could return to face-to-face education with minimum disruption.*

*I was slightly concerned that my daughter might feel slightly anxious and intimidated moving to the much larger St. Joseph’s Catholic Academy- but she was fine, and the children were greeted this morning by your lovely smiling staff. This is testament to their professionalism, but more importantly their passion and love for St. James school and the children.”* **Chris Walker, parent.**