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*Through following Jesus, we aim to be a caring, happy school, where everyone is valued and appreciated and can reach their true potential. We hope to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.*

### **READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are sorry to have to inform you that **St John Vianney will temporarily close to all children and staff from Monday 12th June 2023.**

This unexpected closure follows advice from the Department of Education (DfE) regarding **potential** structural issues in parts of the school building. This closure is a **purely precautionary** measure for Health and Safety reasons and will allow for **further investigation, sadly this is not something that could be addressed over the weekend.**

We appreciate that a school closure at very short notice creates massive childcare issues for parents and loss of learning for our children. We sincerely apologise for this however **the safety of children and staff must be our priority.** We regret to have to inform you of this decision over a weekend, however this was only brought to our attention late on Friday afternoon.

Please be assured that we are working closely with all our partners including Bishop Bewick Trust, DfE, Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle and Newcastle Local Authority to reopen as soon as possible.

We will provide further information for parents on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. However, **it is likely that school will remain closed for all of next week** as further investigations are carried out on the structure of the building. **If this changes, we will inform you immediately.** We will keep in regular contact with parents through text and email using Teachers2Parents.

Home learning will be emailed to parents on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Unfortunately, the main office is one of the areas affected so the telephones will be unmanned. We will aim to have phone lines up and running as soon as possible. If parents wish to contact school staff, they can do so via the main school email [office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org](mailto:office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org)

Kind regards

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