

Flood resilience workshop

Dear Parents

Next week the children in St. James Catholic Primary are having a Flood Week, delivered by the Environment Agency in partnership with South Tyneside Council.

Taryn Al-mashgari (Community engagement officer for Tyne and Wear) is working in the school to help pupils learn about what they can do in a flood and how to become more flood resilient. Taryn and the staff are holding fun and interactive sessions for every year group, including:

- Making a flood plan for the school
- Making a radio broadcast that would be played during a flood event
- Making rain gauges to help understand the weather
- Discussions about flood safety

We are also inviting parents to a flood resilience workshop, where you can learn about flooding and what to do during a flood. It's also a great opportunity to see what your children have been working on during the week.

Date: Friday 2nd February 2018

Time: 9:10 am

Venue: St James Catholic Primary School

Know your flood risk

A quick postcode check at www.gov.uk/floodsdestroy or by calling call Floodline on 0345 988 1188 will tell you your level of flood risk. You'll also be able to view other locations such as roads or workplaces which may be at risk of flooding.

Know what to do when flooding happens

If you know what to do when flooding happens you could save items that are precious to you, reduce some of the impact on your home, and perhaps alleviate some of the distress. We can't always stop it but we can be better prepared. What would help you?

- Make a flood plan - Who would you call? Who needs to know you're safe? Who are you worried about?
- Know how to turn off your water stopcock
- Know how to isolate your gas and electricity supply
- Identify a safe place to go should a flood happen
- Insure your things - bricks to tech: what could it cost you?
- Think about your most treasured possessions: are they out of harm's way?
- Check for flood warnings and local news before you travel
- Don't drive through floodwater

Thank you from the Environment Agency

customer service line
03708 506 506

incident hotline
0800 80 70 60

floodline
03459 88 11 88