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Dear Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately, due to the condition of the field following the early morning heavy rain, we had to make the difficult decision to postpone our Sports Day on Friday.

In making this decision, the safety of our children had to come first. We delayed the decision for as long as possible, as the forecast had suggested earlier sunshine, in the hope that conditions would improve and the field would dry out; however, ultimately it was not safe to proceed. We fully appreciate that this will have been disappointing for families, as it has been for the children and staff.

We have carefully considered when to reschedule the event. We recognise that many parents had arranged time off work, and that the school diary is already very full. Taking all of this into account, along with the ongoing unpredictability of the weather, a new date has been set for **Thursday 9th July at 10.00am**.

However, I must express a note of caution that, as always, the weather remains unpredictable. All necessary checks will be carried out, and a final decision will be made as soon as we can.

To support families with planning, we ask that parents/carers consider ordering their child a school-prepared picnic lunch. This will help to avoid the inconvenience of packed lunches going to waste should the event need to be postponed again.

Whilst we always welcome feedback, we kindly ask that this is shared with the understanding that all school decisions are made with the best interests of our children and families at heart. I would be more than happy to speak with anyone who would like to discuss anything further, as we continue in our efforts to ensure that St Joseph's remains the wonderful school that it is.

We very much hope for sunshine on 9th July and the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful time together.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Mrs Ashton

Executive Headteacher