



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

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You are awesome and so are your children...

This coming week marks seven full weeks since our country went into lockdown. We have been working in a virtual world with you since 18<sup>th</sup> March.

You have had your children home for the same time now that you would if they were on summer holiday. I recognise and acknowledge that as well as protecting and nourishing your children, you have educated, supported and entertained them during this period of national and international uncertainty and fear. We want you to know how much we appreciate that here at St Joseph's and believe me, as a parent myself, I recognise very clearly the challenges of home-schooling.

Both myself, the staff and the governors want to tell you that You are amazing! You have achieved something no other parent ever has during our time. You have faced seven weeks unable to take your child or children anywhere, seven weeks of no parks, holidays to break up the boredom, no day trips, no family to help. On top of that you have juggled work demands, loneliness on a level never experienced before, information overload from the internet and emotional turmoil of not being able to see people you hold dear. Even getting food to eat has been a major drama!

Seven weeks is a long time. But you have made it, we have made it and whatever is around the corner now we will embrace it in true St Joseph's style.

History will show you for your courage, your children will remember this period as a time knowing they were safe and loved and we are deeply grateful that you are there for your children when we should be but can't be. Believe me we miss you all so much!

It is not over yet. Like yourselves, I have only just seen the announcement from the Prime Minister and am awaiting further information from the Government about what this will mean for our school. In the short term, nothing has changed. I will provide you with further information in the coming days and weeks once I am able to do so.

When I reflect on all of this, which I do on a daily basis, I cannot but think how much courage you as parents have shown. You are the heroes up there with the rest - be proud of yourself. Stand tall.

In short: you are awesome! And so are your children. I look forward to the day when we are all back together. We can do this, we will do this, we are in this together and will win through.

Stay safe!

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury  
Headteacher

