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Dear Parents

'But the one who endures to the end will be saved' Matthew 24:14

Time seems strange and surreal. I know we are three weeks from the end of term but school seems such a different place. The return of Year 5, has given me the sense that we will see an end to this, when that will be, I don't know. The future is uncertain however you can be assured that decisions regarding September will be communicated to you before the end of term and if there are any updates over the summer break you will be informed via the website.

It has been so lovely to see the excited faces of Year 5 and again as with the other year groups, Mr Bowring and Mrs Masters have really enjoyed working with them and sharing their news, thoughts and feelings, so important at this most surreal time. A huge thanks to all the Year 5 parents for their support.

With the increase in children comes the increase in parents and, even though the times for drop off are staggered, we have noticed again the careless and dangerous parking outside the school gates. As you know, we do have a Parking Patrol group in school who are mainly from Year 5 and so, with them being back, they are back on the beat.

I include a comment from Esme Greensall below:

'On Wednesday, I got the chance to go out on an extra important parking patrol. Sadly, this was so important as we have noticed a drop in concentration whilst crossing roads. However, our parking patrol was a success and no one broke the guidelines. Unfortunately, we should have no need to patrol, because parking safely is something parents should do anyway. We would be very thankful if you could remind your children about the guidelines.'

The opportunity for Y2, Y3 and Y4 children to say goodbye to their teacher from this year will be going ahead for the week beginning 13th July. Each of these year groups will receive a letter today detailing the plan for the week.

Transition information will be on the website Year group pages week commencing 13th July so from that week your child will move up to the next year and can explore that on the web page with activities and pictures to help them. You can email your new class teacher any questions and queries. Information will be sent to you about our virtual year group meetings, so watch this space!

To reassure you, nothing is going to change in the procedures we have in place here at St Joseph's. Safety and wellbeing is paramount and will remain that way. I cannot and will not risk the health of our community. Therefore, the staggered systems that we have in place will remain until the end of this term. Arrangements for September will be communicated to you in due course, so please do not worry.





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Second-hand uniform is still being given away, please do take the time to pop into school. We continue to have a good response. The rails will always be placed outside the front entrance under the shelter between 10am and 2.30pm. If you are interested then please do come along and take what you need, maintaining social distancing guidelines at all times.

As always, we will continue to be there for all of you and will continue to communicate with you regularly, keeping you abreast of all relevant information.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher

