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Dear parents

**'Be strong now because things will get better. It might be stormy now
but it can't rain forever'**

As we look forward to the children returning to school on Monday, I just felt it important to send a further letter from the one sent last week to ensure that you have all of the much-needed information as we move back into our old routine; although it seems such a long time ago for us all. You can look forward to a school newsletter which will be issued on Friday. This will include up and coming events, key reminders and much more to get us back into the swing of school life.

All staff have been working hard this week to ensure that we are as ready as we will ever be. Next week will see a gradual move back into classroom learning for everyone. You can be assured that the wellbeing of your children will be top priority at this time and time will be given to the emotional needs of all children after this most surreal of years.

We must dwell on the many positives that have come out of lockdown. Your children are so much more skilled now in virtual learning and we will not allow them to lose this as we develop our curriculum going forward. Teams will not disappear!! We are so much more grateful for what we have.

In my last letter, I wrote about the need to continue to wear face coverings when picking up and dropping off children. It is disappointing to still see many parents not adhering to this when dropping off their children who are accessing provision at present. My staff are constantly putting themselves at risk on a daily basis and as we return fully next week, I cannot stress enough the need to be wearing face coverings to protect both yourself and those around you. Staff will not enter into a conversation with any parent not wearing a face covering unless they have a proof of exemption.

Every care has been, and will continue to be taken to ensure that St Joseph's is a safe place for your children. Myself, the staff and the Governing Body warmly welcome you all back on Monday confident in our procedures and processes. The reviewed Risk Assessment will be on the school website by Friday for your information

I look forward to seeing many of you on my zoom meeting this afternoon or tomorrow. Thank you as ever for your continued understanding and support.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher

