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Dear Parents

'Be still and know that I am with you' Psalm 46:10

Time continues to move on towards the end of term. What a time we have had but we are still moving forward. Last week Pre School and Reception were wonderful as they started back to school. It was so lovely to see their excited faces and all the teachers have been amazed at their confidence and enthusiasm.

This week we see the return of Year 5. Huge thanks to all the Year 5 parents who joined me on Zoom on Friday. It was lovely to see you all this morning, your children came in sensibly and are doing you proud.

Last week I informed you about creating an opportunity for children to say goodbye to their teacher from this year and hello to their new teacher for September. This has been discussed and risk assessed, and the best and safest plan is to offer an opportunity for the children in Years 2, 3 and 4 to come into school to meet their teacher. A survey was sent out last week – huge thanks to all who have responded. This will enable us to plan the finer detail maintaining our highest priority and consideration: the safety and wellbeing of your children, yourselves and the school staff. **This will take place during the week beginning 13th July 2020** and will purely be for them to say goodbye to their class teacher. Parents in Years 2, 3 and 4 can be assured of more detail in due course. As I have done with all the other year groups, I have created opportunities for the parents from Years 2, 3 and 4 to join me on separate days and times via Zoom where you can ask me any questions, your children can too. I will send the invites out to these parents in due course. They will be during the week beginning 6th July. You will be notified when I send the invite.

Following on from this and as part of the risk assessment process, **Year 6's last week will be week beginning 6th July 2020, their last day being 9th July 2020.** I have been so pleased that we have been able to offer them the best opportunity to end their year with us. You can be sure that Mrs Hackley and Miss Annese will give them an amazing final week, whether they are at home or at school.

To confirm we have a **Teacher Training Day on 29th June**, so school will be closed for all year groups and key workers that day. We will be spending time that day ensuring that transition information is on the website and information will be sent to you about our virtual year group meetings, so watch this space!

Thank you to the key worker families who have worked with both Mrs Jackson and myself to ensure safe practices are maintained. We cannot accommodate more than 26 children each day due to staffing and accommodation limits. We appreciate the information you have provided to enables us to have a clear weekly picture of the numbers for each day. As you know, we have had an influx of requests for provision, particularly on Tuesdays and





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Wednesdays; we appreciate those who have requested provision in advance. Please remember to give a week's notice if you need to change the days that your child accesses key worker provision.

You may be aware of the latest Government update regarding funding for tutoring to help bridge the gap due to the long time away from school (see link below). As yet, no further guidance has been given about how this will work. It is important that you are aware that the return to school will be meticulously planned out and shared with yourselves at the right time and any further support that we have the funding to provide, will be delivered where it is needed. At this point I don't know any more detail regarding this.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-53100881>

Over the weekend, the Prime Minister proposed a reduction on the 2m social distancing measures. 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.

We are continuing to give away our second-hand uniform at set times until the end of term. We have had a good response so far. 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

