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Dear Parents



I felt compelled to write this letter to you today. This has been one of the most difficult weeks for St Joseph's. This pandemic seems to have taken hold of our lives and completely transformed them but as we are now being told, we have to live with it. We have to remain positive for our own sanity!!

I have to assure you that all high standards of hygiene are being maintained and for those classes sent home, the classrooms have been deep cleaned and will remain out of bounds to the rest of the school. This is in line with our risk assessment which is on our website for your information.

Remote learning is in place for all children isolating; I cannot thank you enough for your support with this. For those concerned, if you have any problem accessing the remote provision, please email your class teacher. There will be registration each day; as before any children not accessing, families will be contacted. It is important for all children to maintain their learning and I know that the fun end of term activities will be being revamped for online enjoyment! See link below about support for parents at this time.

We pray that we get to the end of the term now with no further bubble closures. This week has been our annual One World Week and so many lovely activities have been going on across the school. We are continuing to ensure as much normality as we can for everyone.

Looking to next week and the end of term, Sports Days activities will be held by each class during the week – look out for photographs on Twitter. Fun is guaranteed! For our isolating children they will have this to look forward to on their return. Year 6 will be working on their leavers assembly virtually and performing it when they return. This will be recorded for parents to view, this is in line with our risk assessment. The Year 6 leavers BBQ will go ahead – new date Monday 19th straight after school. I know that the invitations have been sent out to parents today.





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I hope that you found the Transition online meetings useful – continue to liaise with teachers using the class emails. You can look forward to a bumper end of term newsletter next Friday. Next Friday too I will be holding my end of term zoom with parents at 9.30am. Invitations have been sent.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back and enjoying the last few days together as a school family. The fact that we don't break up until Tuesday 20th is a blessing as it does mean we can end the term off for everyone – we have to believe this and have faith!

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury

Headteacher

Important information for parents with children isolating...

The £500 Test and Trace Support Payment is still available for people on low incomes who have to self-isolate due to coronavirus (COVID-19). They may be eligible if they are employed or self-employed, cannot work from home, and will lose income as a result. They can only apply if they've been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, notified to self-isolate by the NHS COVID-19 app, or are the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self-isolate. If you've been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, you're legally required to do so. If you've been notified by the NHS COVID-19 app to self-isolate and you apply for the Test and Trace Support Payment, you will be legally required to self-isolate.

[Access details and how to apply](#)

