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Head Teacher: Mr. P. Craig  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to recent press regarding Coronavirus, we thought it would be helpful to explain what we are doing in school. Each day we receive daily updates from the Department of Health and we diligently follow their advice.

We have extensive cleaning systems and additional hygiene measures in place for pupils, staff and any visitors. Children and adults in school must wash their hands frequently throughout the day. Children have had talks relating to how to maintain their good hygiene and minimise the spread of germs.

We are monitoring all future events and trips, making decisions on a case by case basis. We are still intending to carry out Parents' Evenings next week, as well as all liturgies and masses leading up to Easter, but again these taking place are dependent on advice from the Department of Health. Please be reassured we are making all decisions with the children's wellbeing at the heart of everything we do.

As a school, we have thorough emergency plans should we have to close/partially close due to Government instruction. In the event of a closure, we will send messages via school letters, emails, texts, school website or school social media platforms. Should you hear communication from other sources, please disregard.

Should the school have to close for any period of time, we will make learning available. Further information regarding this will be communicated in the event of a closure. Children in years 1-6 can also access Times Tables using their Rockstars log in, as well as using Numbots. Children will be issued their usernames and passwords for this again.

We hope that this letter has provided reassurance that we are taking all necessary precautions to minimise risks. As recommended through government communications, St. Joseph's continues to open as normal and we will look forward to welcoming your children each day.

If it is necessary for your child to be absent from school, please follow school absence procedures. To protect every child and adult in school (including those with underlying health conditions) please follow Government guidance regarding self-isolation.

We understand that this is a very difficult time, please continue to be understanding and supportive of the precautions and Government advice we are following and implementing in our school.

Yours,

Mr. P. Craig  
Headteacher