



1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents

Following the closure of St Joseph's because of the Covid-19 crisis and in response to government advice, we are delighted to be able to welcome back into school pupils from Reception, Y1 and Y6. On behalf of the Governing Board, I should like to reassure you that our Senior Leadership Team, led by Mrs Fernandes, and in consultation with staff, has made every effort to put into place effective measures to ensure the safety of your children. These have been explained in newsletters and in a detailed letter sent to parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, and have been rigorously reviewed before being approved by the Governing Board. A very strict hygiene and cleaning regime has been established which, whilst not allowing a completely normal school timetable, will at least allow as many children as possible from the designated year groups to return to a more usual routine.

Mrs Fernandes and her team, supported by the Governing Board, have followed all available guidance in order to ensure the safety and well-being of all the children in school but, of course, these cannot be absolutely guaranteed and we quite accept that you may prefer your child to stay at home in the short term – provision has been made online for those who are in this position and we are extremely appreciative of the work of school staff in this area.

We hope very much to be back at school in more normal circumstances as soon as possible and to welcome back all members of our school community. In the meantime, however, may I, on behalf of the Governing Board, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Bailey – Chair of Governors

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