



## St Joseph's Catholic Academy

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Dear children, parents and families of St. Joseph's,

Today, we open our doors to welcome back some of our children in the Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6. We are so very excited to see them, and I am sure that they will be really pleased to see their friends and teachers again. A lot of work has gone into preparing school for their return, and I would especially like to thank Mrs Farmer, Mrs Philips, Mr Colclough and Miss Murray, who have been a constant support to me and have themselves worked relentlessly since school closed at the end of March. I would also like to thank all members of teaching and support staff who have been working tirelessly over the last few weeks at home and in school in order to ensure that work is still provided for your children and school is as safe as it can be.

This is my tenth letter since lock-down and it seems a very long time since we were all together as a school community. We are still unsure of the government's plans to re-open for any other classes, so the class teachers in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 will continue to write weekly letters, provide online learning and make the fortnightly phone calls home- these will happen again at some point during this week. For those of you who have children in Pre-school, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and have decided not to send your children into school yet, home learning provision and weekly letters will no longer continue. We will however continue to telephone all children not in school on a fortnightly basis to keep in touch with you.

The school office will be open and I will be available at school full-time, but please refrain from coming onto the school premises unless dropping off or collecting your children. If you need to contact school for whatever reason, please telephone or email us. Remember that we are here for all of our school community should you need or advice or support.

Thank you for your truly wonderful support over these last ten weeks. As a parent myself, I do understand the additional pressures that have been imposed on you and the difficulties of trying to home-school in these very unusual times. If you can keep up with daily reading, writing and maths in any form, that will greatly help your children when they do eventually return to school. Although we still do not know when we will all be able to be together again, each day is bringing us closer to normality.

I will continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

Mrs R Wilson,  
Acting Head of School.

