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Friday 12th February 2021,

Dear Families of St Joseph's,

You have made it through a considerably difficult half term. On behalf of the staff here at St Joseph's we wanted to say thank you!

As we come to the end of this half term I wanted to make you aware that we have received an extremely large increase in requests for school places. This is of course concerning, particularly as we already have large numbers in school. We kindly request moving forward places are only requested if absolutely necessary. In the case where your child has been attending school, should a positive case occur up until Monday 15th February please ensure you text the school safeguarding phone to make us aware on: 07707 501042. Within the message you should include: the name of your child, the date they became symptomatic, the date they had the test and the date of the test result. This will enable us to swiftly identify close contacts. Should we receive any further guidance on this matter we will communicate this.

Just a gentle reminder when children are accessing virtual registrations and lessons they should always enter under their own GSuite email address, they will not be admitted under another email address, including parents. If for example they experience technical issues and need to swap to a different device reassure the children they can take the time to log in on a different device using their own GSuite email address. In addition to this, no one from outside of our organisation should contact you stating it is on school's behalf. We also ask our families who have loaned devices to continue to take good care of them, including over the half term.

Finally, I wanted to congratulate you all on the hard work that you have undertaken during a testing half term. Many of you have been placed under immense pressure during this half term with many of our children at home and supporting them with their learning alongside trying to work yourselves. I commend you for your efforts and support of the school.

Please take care and stay safe,

Mrs Velayudhan Tomlin
Headteacher

