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Dear Families of St Joseph's,

Following the prime minister's announcement earlier this week I am sure that you all felt just as disheartened as we did, hearing that our children's return to school has been delayed. Whilst it is very difficult for us to accept this for our children, the only reassurance is that it is to support the COVID-19 pandemic, in particularly the NHS frontline staff.

I wanted to take the time to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you; you are all under a great deal of pressure; home schooling, working and spinning many more plates! It has not gone unnoticed and we are grateful to work in a school community with so many supportive parents. Although it may not feel like it, you are making a real difference and doing a brilliant job! We will continue to deliver remote learning and I only ask that if an issue arises you do not struggle in silence, you instead please contact us.

*'School have been absolutely amazing! Thank you so much for all the help and resources. Staff at St Joseph's have made it as easy as they can.'* Parental comment regarding remote learning, 2021.

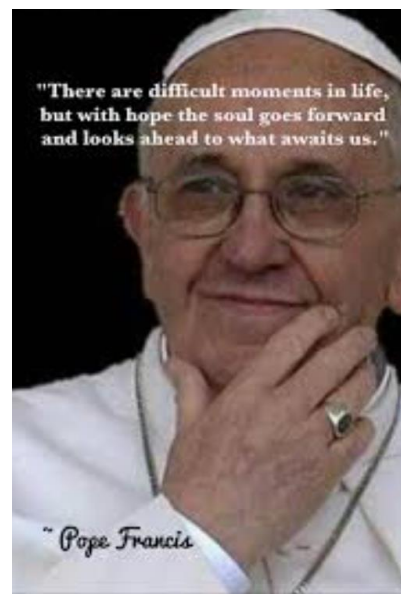
On another note, I wanted to inform you that sadly our beloved Site Manager Mr Stringwell will be taking up his well-earned retirement from the beginning of March. Recruitment work is now under way moving forward to fulfill this role and we will keep you updated. Mr Stringwell is a valued member of our team who always has time for our children, families and staff. He has supported the school immensely, and in particularly me as Headteacher. He will be a great loss to our school community.

Whilst we continue to navigate our way through extremely challenging times, I want to remind you that we are here to support you. If you need to pick up the phone and talk please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support,

God Bless,  
Mrs Velayudhan Tomlin

Headteacher



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