

27th March 2020

Good afternoon children,

I am writing this letter to you as I want you to know that even though you may not be in the building, you are still very much at the heart of St Joseph's. I have been following twitter and watching all the amazing things that you have been doing at home. I am immensely proud of how quickly you have accepted the situation and have carried on.

It is a very scary time and I know that you are all very worried. I want to give you some advice, the best way to fight the virus is to do these things:

- Stay at home (unless you really need to go out)
- If you are out, stay 2 metres away from other people who are not your family
- Wash your hands carefully (for 20 seconds)

If you follow this advice we will be able to work together to destroy this virus and get back to our school and our friends.

At the moment, all your work has been set on the website for you, but I know that your teachers have been working hard to set up online learning platforms. Your parents will receive an email next week and will help you have this ready for learning after the Easter holidays. Please keep working as hard as you have been, completing 'rockstars', 'spellingshed' and all other learning.

Finally I would like to invite you to assembly on Monday morning. I will put the assembly powerpoint on the school website, under the pupil tab, in the folder called assemblies. You will be able to spend some time with God as you start your week of learning. You will be able to sing the songs that we normally sing and although we may not be together in the hall, we will be together in our hearts. There will be a video story and questions for you to answer. (Parents – there are a few notes included which will help you discuss the slides.)

I look forward to you joining me on Monday at 9am.

Be strong and be safe!

Mrs Lovegrove
Headteacher