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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well.

I am sure after the Prime Minister's statement last night you will have many questions. Like all schools, we are now awaiting further guidance from the Department for Education and Birmingham Local Authority – we are expecting this in the coming days. Currently, the message remains that it is still safer to stay at home if you have the capacity to do so. We, at St Joseph's, will continue to provide childcare for parents of key workers whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response. We will also continue to support our children with their home learning via the website and new learning will be posted every Monday at <https://www.stjosb7.bham.sch.uk/homelearning.htm>

Once the Department for Education publishes further guidance, St Joseph's Governors, the Senior Leadership Team and I will be planning very carefully all that is required to partially reopen St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. As it is critical that school is a safe environment for our staff, our children and our families to be in, St Joseph's Governors and I will not reopen the school until we believe it is safe for us to do so. The days ahead will need all our patience with each other as we try to balance the needs of everyone in our school, local and national community.

The staff and I ask for your continued support and prayers which have been so welcomed these past seven weeks. We will continue to pray for you, your children and your families whom we miss dearly.

Take care and keep safe. God Bless.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M. Ashley