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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a fun week in school. I've been looking through the doors of the classes and watching some filming that has been happening using a green screen. It was brilliant, very impressive – what a fantastic learning experience for the children.

We have been so lucky with the weather over the last few months, it has been harder this week not being able to be outside on the field and playground as much but we have made the most of the sunny spells. Fingers crossed for next week.

As a school we are all missing the children who can't come in and so we have decided that we will run some online Zoom meetings with classes. These will not be teaching sessions, they will be sessions for the teachers to say hello to the children who aren't in. The children will be able to see their teacher and each other on the screen and hopefully have some fun and be reassured that everyone is safe and well. Please bear with us, I'm sure there will be technical glitches and joining issues but hopefully nothing insurmountable!

The Zoom invites will be sent out over the next couple of weeks. Please ensure that you do not share the meeting ID or password with anyone. This is vital for the safeguarding of our children. If you lose your invite please contact the school to resend.

When you log in if it asks for your name please add yours or your child's real name e.g. N Taylor-Bashford or Nicky T-B. This is because when you join the meeting you will be asked to wait in a 'waiting room'. The teachers will only admit people whose name they recognise. We have attached Zoom rules which are to ensure the safety of the children and to try and ensure the meeting runs smoothly – but most importantly there must be an adult present, the video camera must be on, appropriate day wear must be worn and the children must be in somewhere like their lounge or kitchen, not their bedrooms.

The meetings are not compulsory but obviously the more children from the class that can attend the better. As they are keeping in touch meetings they are just for the children who are not in school that day.

Just a reminder to parents who have children in school, I know attendance has currently changed but it is still vital that you ensure your child arrives on time. It is hard for them and the class if your child is arriving even just five or ten minutes late.

I have attached a letter from Dawn Stabb, the Head of Education in Devon. This gives you an overview of current arrangements in Devon. Dawn says about schools being at capacity. We are finding the same.

All our bubbles have 15 in now which means they are full.

Email: [admin@stjo.uk](mailto:admin@stjo.uk)

Website: [stjosephsprimaryschool.com](http://stjosephsprimaryschool.com)

If you are a keyworker requiring childcare before July (and haven't already been in touch with us to book dates) please contact us as soon as possible to discuss options.

We still have not received any further guidance from the government about changes or updates moving forward. I will let you know as soon as we hear anything.

Many thanks to the people who have been liking our Facebook pages and who have been recommending us online. I know often parents post online asking for advice about schools and it is lovely to see us being recommended. It is hard when we are only a small school, our numbers are heavily outweighed by some of the other schools which often makes it look very one sided! So many thanks for all your support.

Don't forget next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> is a non-pupil day. I hope you have some better weather for it!

Best wishes

Nicky Taylor-Bashford