



31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your families have been enjoying a happy and safe Christmas break.

You will be aware from yesterday's news that Minister for Education, Norma Foley, has announced that the Christmas break will be extended by three days. We will re-open on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January. The Christmas break has been extended to give everyone a chance to minimise contacts before children return to school.

I would like, once again, to thank you all for your wonderful co-operation and support in all the measures we have taken in St. Joseph's to keep our school community a safe place for everyone. We will depend on your continued support in these measures when we re-open our school after the Christmas break. It will continue to be most important that you do not send your child to school if he / she is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19.

I will be available to take calls in the school office from Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January and please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns. I will make contact with all parents again via the school website on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> January.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year. We look forward with great hope to a New Year of happiness and good health for everyone.

Kindest regards,

Ann Murphy

Principal