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Dear Parents/Caregivers

We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for engaging with the remote learning packages we provided at the end of Term One. Hopefully you are finding creative and enjoyable ways to relax during the holidays.

As you may be aware, Premier Mark McGowan announced Term Two arrangements for **public schools** in Western Australia on Friday 17 April. The following sets out St Joseph's arrangements for Term Two, which reflect the guiding principles of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA):

1. The health and safety of our students and staff remain our first priority.
2. All students will continue to be provided with a quality Catholic education.
3. Decisions regarding school education will continue to be informed by national and state-based health and education advice, and align with the National Principles for School Education.

When Term Two commences on **Wednesday, 29 April**, St Joseph's will provide one mode of learning until Friday 22 May, with a review taking place on 18 May. Please read the following arrangements:

- From the start of Term Two, parents and caregivers **may choose to send their children to school** to engage in flexible, remote learning, either online and/or via work packs. As has been the case since our school transitioned to flexible and remote learning in Term One, this approach particularly allows parents and caregivers who are engaged in essential services or are required to maintain employment to send your children to school if you are unable to care for them at home.
- **Should you choose to send your children to school, they will engage in the same mode of learning being provided to students learning from home.** We will provide appropriate supervision but not face-to-face teaching for students attending school in person.
- Students are allowed to wear either the summer or winter school uniform for weeks one and two. From week three onwards all students are required to wear their winter school uniform.
- To ensure the school is able to make appropriate arrangements for student supervision while ensuring remote teaching and learning continues, please note the following:
 - o Reply to this email by **10.00am Thursday, 23 April, if your child will not be attending school from Wednesday, 29 April, to Friday 22 May. Please ensure you include your child's/children's name and their year level.**
- This is necessary to ensure appropriate plans are in place to comply with the Department of Health's physical distancing advice. Please do not call as the phones are unattended. However, if you have a query you are welcome to email – admin@stjosephsby.wa.edu.au



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- Medically compromised students are asked to remain at home until they receive a medical clearance to attend school. As with all students, online learning and/or work packs will be provided to these students.
- Parents and caregivers are not permitted on school property other than to drop off or pick up your children, at which time you must not exit your vehicle. Please use the drop off/pick up off Washington Avenue, Guile Fwy and/or Kindy. Staff members will be rostered to supervise students crossing from these areas to the school grounds. If you are walking your children to and from school, please drop off or pick up your children in the same area.
- A letter explaining drop off / pick up procedures will be sent home this week. Students who need to arrive at school or leave school during the school day need to enter and exit via the school office.
- Assemblies, excursions, interschool activities and school-based co-curricular activities will not recommence until advice is received from the Department of Health that it is safe to do so.
- Canteen will be available for online ordering.
- The school will continue to ensure that environmental cleaning practices are in place, with enhanced routines where necessary.
- Students will be required to continue with the hygiene practices put in place in Term One and will need to follow the physical distancing measures that are needed to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

We wish to reiterate that during this period, our staff will continue to ensure we best support our students' learning from home, as well as those students who may be at school. We acknowledge that it will be important to maintain regular contact between the school and parents and caregivers.

At this difficult time, we wish to reassure every parent and caregiver that the ongoing enrolment of every child in our school is guaranteed. We encourage parents seeking financial support arrangements to discuss one of the following options, which are immediately available to all families with children in Catholic schools:

- The Centrelink Health Care Card Discount Scheme provides an automatic fee concession to the holders of eligible means-tested family concession cards. **This discount applies to all year levels from Kindergarten to Year 12.** Additional financial considerations are also available depending on each family's circumstance.
- For parents and caregivers who do not qualify for the Health Care Card discount, but who are experiencing financial difficulties, arrangements can be made to provide immediate support to assist you with tuition costs.

We will keep you updated with any new information as it becomes available.

Yours sincerely

Melanie Stapleton and Jane Olsen
(Acting Principals)