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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to a new term at St. Joseph's; the children have settled in considerably well in this very unprecedented time we are in.

I am writing again this year asking for your continued financial support for our school Building Fund.

Over the past 12 months we have moved forward our rolling programme to keep our school environment a special place for all our children to learn in. The EYFS outdoor learning area project has been upgraded as promised in last year's letter. During the Summer break Pre-School had a new Clever touch screen to replace their broken one. Yesterday, Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 had new screens fitted in their classrooms.

To update you how governors have spent money from the Building Fund over the past few years, please look at our short video on the website. For more information, you can also visit our website and look on the Parents dropdown tab.

The Diocese no longer claim gift aid on behalf of their Primary Schools. Governors at St. Joseph's are currently setting this facility up with HMRC to enable us to claim gift aid from all contributions made from parent/carers who pay UK tax on their income. We will be sending out new gift aid authorisation forms to be completed very shortly with our school name on. We would be very grateful if you would complete and return to the school office. We can claim 25% of all contributions made into our school building fund.

We thank our PTFA for their continued hard work to purchase resources to enhance the learning experience for our children. Plans are currently going to tender to refurbish the school library. Governors have given Landlord's approval for this project to go ahead. Due to COVID-19 this project was delayed but we can expect this to start during the Spring Term 2021.

On behalf of your Governing Board and Senior Leadership Team, thank you again for your valued support to keep St. Joseph's in the state of repair that we want our children to enjoy.

Kind regards

Tina Rowe

On behalf of St. Joseph's Governing Board