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Dear Parents

I appreciate that it has only been four weeks since we welcomed everyone back to on-site education, but it is also the time for a very well-deserved Easter break for our amazing pupils, staff and parents. We are hoping for a less disturbed term after Easter, although we recognise we are still likely to be operating under very strict COVID-19 protocols, including a need for self-isolation where appropriate.

COVID-19 testing

As we did during the Christmas and February half-term holidays, we are asking you to report any positive COVID-19 test results (NHS PCR or self-administered Lateral Flow Tests) to the email account covid@stjosephsjarrow.co.uk to enable us to confirm which, if any, additional pupils are required to self-isolate, due to close contact. Where a pupil tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

For the first 6 days after teaching ends (up to 7th April), if a pupil or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school has been asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising on self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

The details we require are:

- **Name of child**
- **Date of the COVID-19 test**
- **Does the child have symptoms? Yes or No**
- **What date did the symptoms start?**
- **What date did the child last attend school?**
- **The best telephone contact number for you**

Easter Garden of Hope

Deacon Kevin has asked me to thank those who have placed potted plants around the Easter Garden of Hope at the entrance way of church. Remember that parishioners and families have been asked to bring potted plants and place them around the cross. The idea is that the plants are placed in memory of someone who has died, to say thank you or for any other reason with a simple message attached. These will be blessed at Easter and all intentions prayed for.

Fundraising

So far we have raised a total of £372 for CAFOD Walk for Water and over £400 from the Easter raffle. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Easter Services

Good Friday 3.00pm & Easter Sunday 11.00am. If you would like to attend, you must sign up for this. All info regarding this is on the parish bulletin and website.

And finally...

I wish you all the very best for the forthcoming Easter break. With the on-going restrictions, clearly holidays abroad or even in the UK are not possible but I still hope that you manage to have a relaxing and rejuvenating break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday, 19th April.

Take care!

Mr P Craig

