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Dear Pupils and Parents of St. Joseph and St. James' P.S.

I hope this correspondence finds you and your family well, as we are truly into Term 3.

I must congratulate you all on the wonderful efforts you are all putting into 'Home School Learning', making the very best out of this unique situation we find ourselves in.

I must commend the hard work of our staff who have provided such detailed home learning packs with the daily planner/schedule, included merely as a means to support you as we navigate our way through this term.

Please know that we are here to help and do not hesitate to contact either myself via email or phone, or your class teacher via email/Seesaw.

Sincere thanks to all our pupils who fulfilled the challenge, posting on Seesaw their photos/videos introducing themselves. It was simply wonderful to learn so much about you all and it certainly was a highlight for me in my first week as Principal, making me feel very welcome indeed to such a warm and welcoming community I am fortunate to be a part of.

Can I please remind you to continue to upload **two samples of work, one for Literacy and one for Numeracy each week, which is suffice, via Seesaw / email.**

We aim to celebrate your child's efforts at this time reaffirming how much they matter to us. Your child's class teacher will continue to notify your child via Seesaw each Monday about fun and practical ways they can engage in their learning to compliment what is outlined in their home learning packs.

You might find the following websites useful and they will also be included on our website: **(please note these are only ideas not compulsory ideas)**

- Ideas for Active Minds – <https://www.stran.ac.uk/ideas-for-active-minds/>
- Learning from Home/Learning support/Play matters – issued from the Department of Education <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/articles/play-matters>

May I wish you all a pleasant week and commend you all sincerely once more on your commitment to Home Learning so far.

Kindest regards

C. Wadsworth