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Dear Parents/Carers, pupils and staff,

As the end of term and school year draws to a close, I wanted to send my sincere thanks to you all for the time, effort and support you have given over the past year and in particular over the past 12 weeks. You have been incredible!

Well done and a huge thank you to those who have stayed at home, for being kind to others and cheering up your family and friends when you could.

It's certainly been a strange and challenging time for everyone, but technology has helped bring us together in ways we could only have imagined. You have embraced a different way of learning and it has been remarkable how well you have adapted. I am very much looking forward to the new term and seeing you all back again in school.

Thank you to our parents for completing our school survey to inform us of your preferred days based on our 33% model. You will be pleased to know that we have now created a 50% model. To do this we will be given additional staff in order to accommodate more children and we will use the gym hall and the church hall for additional spaces. It will not be possible for children to be with their class teacher each time they come into school however we will rotate groups each week to provide some time with class teachers.

I'm sure you are aware after the First Minister's announcement on Tuesday that, all going well, schools will return to normal in August. In the event that we revert back to the current restrictions and operate on a 50% model, you will need to know your child's allocated group. Groups will be text to you over the next few days. We will refer to our 50% model as our 'contingency plan'. I realise that, despite the announcement, we're not 100% sure what the situation will be like come 11th August. I will therefore be in touch during the last 2 weeks of the summer holidays to keep you up to date with new information and developments via Dojo, twitter and school website. The proposed 50% model (contingency plan) will run as follows:

Group 1 – (week 1) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (Week 2) Monday and Tuesday

Group 2 – (week 1) Thursday and Friday (Week 2) Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

(Please note Monday 10th August will be an In-Service day and children will not be in school that day.)

The plan for our P1 children on the 11th August will be to attend school from 9.15am -12.15 for the first 3 weeks as normal.

I hope that everyone continues to follow government guidance to keep safe over the coming weeks and by doing so let's hope that we can all safely return back to 100% in August.

A special thanks must go out to all our teaching staff and support staff for providing a range of learning activities and offering advice over the past 12 weeks and for helping to prepare our school for August. Many thanks to our facilities staff and to our cleaners for working hard to clean and organise our school building. You've all been great.

Thanks to Mrs McLagan and all the staff at St John's for organising an excellent transition programme throughout the year, especially over the past few weeks. Thanks to Fr Ken and Fr Andrew for their continued support and we very much look forward to the church doors opening again soon. Thanks to our Parent Council for your patience, support and encouragement. You have been amazing. A massive thank you to the Coldside Community Centre and all the volunteers, for providing a safe and nurturing space for our young people to learn, play and have fun in during these unprecedented times. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs McKenzie and Mrs Pequeninio. They have been absolutely tremendous in forming plans and supporting families. And of course to you, our parents for juggling everything. Home learning, working from home and being parents to your children. I'm sure we'll see many happy faces at the gates on Monday 11th August!

Unfortunately, we say farewell to Miss Tosney, Miss Adam, Mrs Rasche and Mrs Borthwick. They have been a great asset to our team over the past year and I'd like to thank them for their commitment and support. On behalf of everyone within the SS Peter and Paul school family we wish them all the very best in their new posts.

I'd also like to say well done to all children and to our prize winners this year. Well done for working so hard and always aiming high. I would also like to especially congratulate each and every one of our P7 pupils for a fantastic seven years and to wish them all the very best moving on to High School. I realise that this year is ending in a way that no one could have predicted but we will come together again to celebrate all our wonderful memories at Ss Peter and Paul PS. I will miss you very much indeed.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a very happy and safe summer holidays and I look forward to our school family being together again!

Take care and keep safe

Warmest wishes and many thanks

Mrs Denise Derby
Acting Head Teacher