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Dear Parents/Carers,

Changes to our Provision

As you are aware these last few months have been unprecedented and presented schools with many challenges. Like all schools, the priority for St Joseph's has been to keep everyone in school safe and ensuring that government guidelines and policies are implemented and followed.

Following last week's announcement from the Education Minister, we are finalising our plans for September 2020 to welcome our pupils back. As part of this process, we have to ensure stringent measures are put in place to enable us to control and minimise risk.

The safety and well-being of our pupils is of paramount importance to us as is the quality of provision we provide. With these factors in mind, the Governing Body have today come to the difficult decision of pausing our provision for 2 Year Olds. This means that whilst they have been an important part of our school family for the past three years, we are unable to accommodate them next year, from September 2020 for the enriched and nurturing provision they need and deserve.

Therefore, we would like to say that although we can't welcome any 2 Year Olds this year, we really do look forward to welcoming them when they can join our Little J's Nursery in the future and start their learning journey with us as a valued members of St Joseph's school family.

Should you require any guidance or support in finding an alternative 2 Year Old provider follow this link: <http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2955/Free-early-years-provision> or please contact school and we would be happy to help.

We would hope that despite any inconvenience this may cause you can understand and support our reasons for making this difficult decision during such unprecedented times.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ashton and the Governing Body of St Joseph's RC Primary

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