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Dear Parent,

It has been lovely to see our pupils return to St Joseph's after being away for so long.

As we move into the Autumn term, the PE department is committed to providing lessons that are fun and physically challenging for pupils whilst following the latest government guidance. At the start of the school term, all classes will be completing personal challenges as part of a fitness unit of work as well as developing their striking and fielding skills in cricket and rounders lessons. In order to adhere to social distancing guidance contact games such as rugby and football are currently not taking place. Instead, pupils may look at individual skills within those games; for example, passing and dribbling. As a department we will continue to monitor the guidance and we will adapt the curriculum accordingly as the term progresses.

In addition to the activities taking place within the PE curriculum, staff at St Joseph's are offering a range of extra-curricular sports to provide pupils with opportunities to be physically active. The clubs will be run outside and in year group bubbles for Y7 and Y8. To adhere to each individual sport's 'Return to Play' guidance, parents are required to give consent for their child to take part in these activities. Please complete the consent form attached to this letter.

At St Joseph's we believe that through following the governing bodies' advice we can provide a safe environment for our pupils to take part in competitive sport in an extra-curricular setting. However we have had to restrict pupil numbers and the rules are completely different for pupils in KS2 and KS3. We hope to be able to add to our extra-curricular programme in the near future as the government guidance changes to include more KS2 extra curricular activities.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Secker (Subject leader for PE)

CONSENT FORM FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

I give consent for my child (name).....(class) to attend and participate in the following clubs (please circle)

My child has permission to walk home Please tick as appropriate

My child will be collected by:

Name:

Name:

	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		5G Drawing club (B10) Y7 Library Y8 Rounders	Y7 Dodgeball Y7 Hockey
Tuesday	8.20-8.40 Running Clubs - all years	Y7 Rounders	Y7 Seasonal Sports Y7/8 Golf (max 15)
Wednesday		Y8 Library Y8 boys and girls football	Y8 Dodgeball
Thursday	8.20-8.40 Running Clubs - all years	5M French club (B9) 6D Drawing club (M2) Y7 boys and girls football Y8 Cartoon club (P2)	Y8 Seasonal Sports
Friday	N/A	N/A	N/A

I am aware that all warm up activities and non-competitive skills will still take place taking into account the government guidance at the time on social distancing. During the competitive element of the game I give consent for my child to take part as I understand that at times during the activity it will not be possible for my child to maintain a distance from other children and contact with another child, or children, may take place. Examples of this are listed below although they are not an exhaustive list.

Tackling or being tackled in football.

Running to a base occupied by a fielder in rounders.

Colliding with a teammate or fielder in football, dodgeball or rounders.

Parent Name (Please print):

Parent signature:

Date: