



# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

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### Mission Statement:

*St. Joseph Catholic School, rooted in Gospel values and centered on the Eucharist, celebrates the uniqueness of each child by providing a safe, nurturing environment, promoting academic excellence, encouraging service to others, and cultivating artistic self-expression.*

## Introduction

This plan has been created to aid in navigating the reestablishment of our school where employees, students, and families feel safe and to reduce the impact of COVID-19 conditions upon returning to school. The guidelines referenced in this plan are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health (DOH), and World Health Organization (WHO). We continue to look at best practices in education while listening to the recommendations being made by the Department of Education (DOE), Office of Early Learning (OEL), the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), and the Florida Catholic Conference School Executive Committee (FCCSEC) and Accreditation Committee (FCCA). Regular updates will be made to this plan based on information provided by all the organizations mentioned above, and applicable federal, state and local agencies.

St. Joseph Catholic School receives guidance from the Martin County Department of Health, monitors the actions of the Martin County School District, and follows the guidance of the Diocese of Palm Beach. CDC guidelines for schools are followed throughout this document.

When preparing for a return to school, our priorities are:

1. **Safety:** Mitigating and slowing the growth of COVID-19 in the context of a return to work and schools. Understanding that there is inherent risk in returning from social distancing while in a pandemic, we also understand that we are part of a societal decision that accepts balancing COVID-19 risk against the need for life to continue.
  - a. **Hygiene:** Across the school and throughout the school day, we will emphasize strong hygienic practice.
  - b. **Distance Options:** If a student or their family member is in a higher-risk group, we will give them the option of at home learning. Families will be able to submit a written request (see attached form in appendix), submitted for review and approval by the Principal.
2. **Presence:** St. Joseph will be fully open, five days per week. We believe that we learn best in community, and we do not want to burden parents with challenging schedules that require them to stay home and out of work. We know that it is in our students' best social, emotional, and academic interest to return to a school-day routine. Therefore, we want our students at school in their cohort for the full day.
3. **Growth:** We want our children to continue their academic progress at the appropriate grade level, in their faith, and following all core academic standards. We recognize that the classroom, supported by home, school, and church community, is the best setting for students' academic growth to occur.

This is a fluid document that will be updated regularly. The school principal will share the updated document on the school website and distribute the updated version to parents via the school information system.

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## **Cleaning and Sanitizing**

### **1. Specific Measures**

- a. Frequency – Classrooms and common areas will be sanitized throughout the day by classroom teachers and maintenance staff .
  - i. Classroom Sanitation
    1. Each classroom is equipped with a UV Lighting and Filtration System, which will remove 99.9% of the germs, including those related to COVID-19.
    2. Each classroom will be sprayed daily with Bioesque Botanical disinfectant, by the maintenance staff.
    3. Maintenance, Teachers and Teacher Assistants will employ continual cleaning throughout the day.
  - ii. Daily/Weekly sanitizing requirements
2. Cleaning is a multi-step process which consists of soap/water, sanitizing, and disinfecting. Disinfecting kills all germs on the surface. We will be employing all of these steps throughout the day.
  - a. **Personnel Responsibility**
    - i. Teachers
    - ii. Maintenance Staff
  - b. **Equipment and Supplies**
    - i. Products Used:
      - Antibacterial hand soap
      - Hand sanitizer (60% alcohol)
      - Bioesque botanical disinfectant solution (a no rise, heavy duty cleaner and disinfectant with no harmful chemicals killing 99.9% of bacteria, viruses, fungi, and mold. It is safe on food contact surfaces and sanitizes surfaces within two minutes.)
      - Bleach/Water solution, as needed
3. **Room Capacity**
  - a. The School will determine the specific room capacity and make adjustments accordingly. Extra furniture will be temporarily stored to allow additional distancing room.
4. **Signage**
  - a. The Reopening Task Force, along with the Maintenance Department, will be responsible for ensuring that signage is maintained and posted clearly throughout the school.

## Attendance

1. All healthy students, who are permitted by their parents to attend school at the onset of the 2020-21 school year, with a signed handbook acknowledgement form, liability release form (see attached form in appendix) and proper health-related documentation received, will be allowed to attend in person. Temperature screenings are required for all employees and students. Temperature checks will be taken every morning before students enter campus at morning drop-off and during the day, as needed.
2. Parents who choose the at-home learning option for their children, will be provided with assignments and assessments (at the regular tuition cost), with a live-streamed link to the class in real time. Teachers will check in with the family a minimum of once per week and on an as-needed basis. The need for this at-home learning accommodation will be evaluated by the administration quarterly. *This option will be available until there is a vaccine or the Florida Department of Health deems that the Covid-19 pandemic is over.*
3. Any student who is determined by a teacher or office staff to have a fever, cough, or other signs of illness, will be discreetly and safely isolated and asked to leave the school immediately. Precautions will be taken to quarantine the student until a medical evaluation has been obtained and they are cleared to return to school. If the student is physically able, virtual and/or live-streamed education at home will be provided during the time the student is required to be at home, in the same manner as those students who have been approved for at-home learning.

## Daily Operations/Logistics

### **Social Distancing & Facial Coverings**

- a. The school will have masks available, in the event that a student should need one. However, parents should provide 1-2 masks for their child, to be taken home and cleaned daily. Masks should be kept in a ziplock bag. **Students in VPK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Are required to wear masks continually throughout the day, when social distancing is not possible, per the CDC guidelines. Masks may be placed in ziplock bags during snack and lunch time. The school will be purchasing lanyards for students to clip their mask to and keep on them. Students are encouraged to bring at least two masks to school each day, in the event that one mask becomes damaged or dirty. *\*For health reasons, in order to avoid respiratory infections, ensure your child changes disposable masks daily and or washes cloth masks daily*
- b. **Faculty/Staff:** All faculty and staff members will be wearing face masks throughout the day, including in the hallways and when close to students.

- c. **Inside the Classroom:** Students in VPK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be required to wear masks continually throughout the day, when social distancing is not possible.
- d. **VPK Classroom:** Students will be able to spread out for nap time and various activities. Students will be required to wear their masks during times when social distancing is not possible.
- e. **Outside the Classroom:** Staircases throughout the school will now be limited to one-direction only. Signage has been posted and monitoring during transitions by adult personnel will be in place. For our Middle School, staggered class dismissals will ensure that only one class is in the hallway at a time. Limited scheduled class movement has also been implemented.
- f. **Mass:** For the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, school departments will rotate mass attendance each Wednesday at 8:30am. (ie. Middle School, Intermediate, Primary). Safety in mass attendance will be continually monitored and assessed by the Principal and Pastor, adjusting as necessary. The band will not be playing at this time.

### **Arrival and Dismissal Procedures:**

#### **1. Arrival Procedures:**

- a. **Early Morning Care:** This option will be available between 7:00-7:15 for those families of essential workers that have registered. Registered students will be temperature checked at the back gate on St. Joseph's Way. Parents may not leave until the student is cleared for arrival.
- b. **Morning Arrival Drop-off:** 7:15-7:45am, outside of the Family Center. Parents will be directed in the parking lot by staff members. Parents may not leave vehicles and will not be able to escort children into the school. Students will be directed to the doors on either side of the Family Center and will go directly to their homerooms.
- c. **Temperature Check:** Will be done daily before students exit their vehicles. The school strongly recommends parents take their child's temperature prior to leaving the house each morning. Students with a temperature higher than 100.3 will be sent home. A doctor's note will be required prior to returning to school.
- d. **Drop Off Process:**
  - i. Students must remain in the car until temperature is checked and mask is securely fastened.
  - ii. Parents will enter their designated line, as done in afternoon carline dismissal (see attached map).
  - iii. Multiple staff will be assigned to temperature checks during morning carline. Parents should follow directions of parking lot staff.

- iv. Parents may not leave until their student is cleared to attend school for the day.
- v. Students will exit the vehicle and be escorted across the parking lot, once they have been cleared for daily attendance.
- vi. K-2 & 8th Grade will enter through the Sandy Playground Entrance.
- vii. VPK, 3rd-7th Grade will enter through the Angel Playground Entrance.
- viii. The doors by the Family Center will close promptly at 7:45.

**e. Locations (Faculty Temperature Check):** Faculty and staff will arrive between 6:45-7:10am and will be required to have their temperature checked at the Sandy Playground Entrance.

**f. Response if temperature above 100.3**

- i. If the temperature is above 100.3 at drop-off, the parent will take the child home and a health form filled out.
- ii. If the temperature is above 100.3 during school hours, the student will be taken to the Isolation Room in the Front Office and parents will need to pick up their child immediately.
- iii. Students will be allowed to return to school with a doctor's note and once they are symptom/fever free for 24 hours.

**2. Dismissal Procedures**

- a. Afternoon Dismissal will follow the same procedure that is already in place via the designated lanes in carline, with updated dismissal times.
  - VPK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Dismissal at 2:30 pm.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dismissal at 2:50 pm.
  - Middle School Dismissal at 3pm.
- Per our standard carline procedure, students with older siblings will need to be in the designated carline for the oldest student in their family.
- Parents may not start getting in the carline before 2:00 pm.
- If the child is not ready, the parent will need to circulate and rotate back through the carline.
- Parents/ guardians must put the seatbelt on his/ her child.

**COVID-19 Daily Screenings**

- 1. **Temperature Checks:** Conducted upon arrival.

- a. Response if temperature above 100.3.
  - i. If the temperature is above 100.3 at drop-off, the parent will take the child home. If the temperature is above 100.3, during school hours, the student will be taken to the Isolation Room in the Front Office until picked up. Parents will need to pick up their child immediately from the Front Office.

## 2. Isolation Room

- a. Location: School Front Office
- b. Personnel assigned: Front Office Staff
- c. Health Forms: Front Office Staff
- d. Communication Plan: Administration
  - i. Confidentiality will be maintained

## Visitors and Volunteers

### 1. Specific Protocols

- a. NO visitors will be allowed on campus until further notice.
- b. Parents are encouraged to make sure child/ren have all items with them each morning, as drop off of items will be prohibited.
- c. The Visitation Policy will be reviewed quarterly and when deemed safe, will be adjusted by the Principal accordingly.

## Food Services

### 1. Lunch

- a. Lunch will be eaten in the classroom or outside, whenever possible.
- b. Students will bring a prepared lunch from home.
- c. NO lunches will be provided from the school and outside food will NOT be allowed at this time.
- d. Families are requested to provide lunches that have easy open containers, so that minimal teacher involvement is required.

## Classrooms

1. **Desk spacing:** Per CDC Guidelines, students will not be facing each other and should be spaced appropriately apart for proper social distancing.
2. **Cleaning Protocols:**
  - a. Between classes: Teachers will wipe/spray down surfaces between classes.
  - b. During the day: UV Light Filtration system in place in every classroom, door handles, light switches and other surface areas cleaned throughout the day.
  - c. After School: Every classroom will be sprayed with disinfectant fog sprayer.

3. **Drinking Water Usage:** Parents will need to provide their child with their own water bottle (student name clearly labeled) for daily usage. Water fountains will only be used for filling water bottles and will be clearly labeled as such.
4. **Classroom Specifics- By Department:**
  - a. **Primary:** Primary students (PK- Grade 2) are self-contained and will remain with their class for the entire day, including lunch. Shared classroom materials and surfaces will be sanitized after each use. Individual supplies and manipulatives will be used whenever possible. Transitions to special area classes, restroom, etc. will be staggered to limit hallway interactions. Students will use hand sanitizer and/or wash hands regularly throughout the day. Each grade will have a designated time for playground/recess in order to limit the number of students on the playground at one time. Equipment will be disinfected between each group.
  - b. **Intermediate:** Intermediate students (Grades 3-5) are self-contained and will remain with their class for the entire day, including lunch. Transitions to special area classes, restroom, etc. will be staggered to limit hallway interactions. Students will use hand sanitizer and/or wash hands regularly throughout the day. Each grade will have a designated time for playground/recess in order to limit the number of students on the playground at one time. Equipment will be disinfected between each group.
  - c. **Middle School:** Middle School students will rotate classes, with a staggered dismissal from each class. Students will adhere to one-directional movements to avoid interacting with other groups of students. Movement has been strategically planned to minimize the amount of time in the hallway and allow for limited rotation of rooms and students. Students will sanitize their hands upon entering and exiting the classrooms. Desk areas in each classroom will be sanitized/disinfected after each class, prior to the next class entering the classroom. Students will not share devices and will only use their school-issued iPad. Google Classroom will be extensively utilized, to limit contact with paper.
  - d. **Specials:** Specials classes will be sanitized/ disinfected between each class and students will sanitize their hands upon entering and exiting the classroom. Students will be socially distanced within the classroom and classes will be held outside whenever possible.
  - e. **Media Center Protocol:** Books will be quarantined upon return for the CDC approved length of time, prior to being recirculated into the Media Center. The Media Center will be sanitized daily. Students will be provided disposable gloves to use while in the library to prevent spread of germs on books.

- f. **Classroom Libraries:** Students will use provided disposable gloves to choose book(s). Return books will be quarantined for several days before they are circulated again, per CDC guidelines.

### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

1. **Extended Day:** In accordance with public health and safety guidelines, our Extended Day program will be limited in the number of students enrolled for the 2020-2021 School Year. Families of essential workers and families exhibiting a need for Extended Day will receive priority. As enrollment will be limited, parents will notice an increase in this year's registration fee. The registration fee for this year is \$50.00 per family. The monthly rates for part-time and full-time will remain the same. Social distancing will be implemented, and masks will be required for those times when social distancing is not possible. Areas that will be used for Extended Care will be disinfected daily. Extended Day students will remain in their classrooms, until escorted by Extended Day Staff to their designated area. Students attending Extended Day will be temp checked before entering.
2. **Sports:** Fall sports are currently being evaluated and will be determined at a later date.
3. **Social Events/Gatherings:** There will be no social events/gatherings during the first quarter. This will be reassessed quarterly.

### **Managing the Separate Cohorts of Students**

1. Students will be spaced apart as best as possible in each classroom. "Unnecessary" classroom furniture will be temporarily taken from the classrooms and placed into storage to create extra space in the classrooms, and students in all grades will be arranged to face the same direction in their classes.
2. Students and teachers will minimize the sharing of objects such as electronic devices, art supplies, learning manipulatives, etc...
3. Teachers and teacher assistants will keep each child's belongings separated from others' and in individually labeled containers, cubbies, or areas and taken home each day and cleaned, if possible.
4. Teachers and teacher assistants will ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible (art supplies, equipment etc. assigned to a single student) or limit use of supplies and equipment by one group of children at a time and clean/ disinfect between use.

### **Temporary Suspension of Events and Trips**

1. All out of class activities and field trips would be initially suspended for the first quarter of school and will be reassessed.

2. Use of school facilities will be temporarily limited to the education of students and restricted to outside organizations and any other ministries that cannot provide for the disinfecting of the school facilities prior to and after the ministry uses the space.

### **Disinfecting Protocols and use of PPE's**

1. All employees on campus will wear a face covering when in the presence of students until otherwise notified per guidelines set forth by the CDC, local health department and the Office of Catholic Schools.
2. Students in grades VPK-8 will wear face coverings of their choice (school appropriate), wash hands with soap and water throughout the day, and use antibacterial liquid throughout the day to prevent the potential spread of the virus.
3. Maintenance and custodial staff, supported by teaching assistants and teachers, will ensure the cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces daily

### **Training and Supplies**

Life Safety Solutions, supported by the administration at each school will provide training to the support staff, administration, and faculty on these recommended areas of need:

#### **Staffing and Employee Procedures:**

- When to encourage employees and students who are sick or who have recently had [close contact](#) with a person with COVID-19 to stay home. The development of policies that encourage sick employees and students to stay at home without fear of reprisal, and ensure employees, students, and students' families are aware of these policies.
- Recognizing signs and symptoms of COVID-19
- Staffing plans and sick leave policies. When to allow employees to return to work if they have been sick:

[criteria to discontinue home isolation and quarantine](#)

[If they have been sick with COVID-19](#)

[If they have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19](#)

#### **Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette:**

- Teach and reinforce [handwashing](#) with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students and staff.

- If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol can be used (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer).
- Encourage staff and students to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

### **Face Coverings:**

- Teach and reinforce use of [cloth face coverings](#). Individuals should be frequently reminded not to touch the face covering and to [wash their hands](#) frequently. Information will be continually provided to staff, students, and students' families on [proper use, removal, and washing of cloth face coverings](#).
  - Note: [Cloth face coverings](#) should not be placed on:
    - Children younger than 2 years old
    - Anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious
- [Cloth face coverings](#) are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms. [Cloth face coverings](#) are not surgical masks, respirators, or other medical personal protective equipment.

### **Purchasing and use of adequate and appropriate supplies (PPE's and Disinfecting):**

- Support [healthy hygiene](#) behaviors by providing adequate supplies, including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer), paper towels, tissues, disinfectant wipes, and cloth face coverings (as feasible).

### **Signs, Messages, and Communication:**

- Signs will be posted in highly visible locations (e.g., school entrances, restrooms) that [promote everyday protective measures](#) and describe how to [stop the spread](#) of germs (such as by [properly washing hands](#) and [properly wearing a cloth face covering](#))
- Regular [announcements](#) on reducing the spread of COVID-19 will be communicated..
- Messages (for example, [videos](#)) about behaviors that prevent the spread of COVID-19 will be sent to staff and families
- Consistent with applicable law and privacy policies, having staff and families self-report to the school if they or their student have [symptoms](#) of

COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days in accordance with [health information sharing regulations for COVID-19](#)

- Will respect and adhere to regulations relating to privacy and confidentiality, such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- Notification to staff, families, and the public of school closures and any restrictions in place to limit COVID-19 exposure (e.g., limited hours of operation).
- Designation of staff personnel to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns and At-Home Learning.

### **Materials Drop Off**

- Materials (School supplies) will be dropped off prior to the start of school via a similar drive-up system that was implemented at the end of the previous school year. Parents will be requested to place the individual student's supplies in a bag/box, labeled with their name and grade. More information will be communicated closer to the start of school.

## **Instructional Continuity Plan (ICP)**

The goal of St. Joseph Catholic School and the Diocese of Palm Beach is to ensure that our students' educational opportunities continue at school or at home through digital and other available formats. Our goal is for ALL students to have access to instructional content.

Our Instructional Continuity Plan leverages in-school and at-home learning to foster sustained student growth by:

1. Supporting continuous instruction,
2. Providing access for all students, and
3. Maintaining connectedness to the community.

<b><u>Learning Options</u></b>	<b><u>Instruction</u></b>	<b><u>Classwork &amp; Assessments</u></b>	<b><u>Schedule/Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Teacher Assistance</u></b>
<i><u>At-School Plan:Face-to Face</u></i>	Traditional, face to face, in classroom instruction	Completed & turned in via classroom.	Following the traditional school schedule, the teacher takes attendance in the classroom.	As needed in the classroom.
<i><u>At Home Learning for students who cannot attend- Administratively Planned &amp; Approved</u></i>	Real-time, synchronous learning: live-streamed through Zoom/ YouTube via a classroom tripod. This will be available for students to observe live, real time lessons.	Completed & turned in through Google Classroom (Grades 3-8); SeeSaw (Grades K-2).	Follow traditional school schedules. Students will attend all live-streamed lessons. Teacher will take attendance in the classroom and through Zoom/YouTube.	Students at home will email the teacher with specific needs. Teachers will have 24 hours to respond and provide feedback for students. Teachers will have one phone/Zoom scheduled call to check in per week.
<i><u>At Home Learning when school has</u></i>	Recorded lessons will be provided in the	Completed & turned in through Google	Flexible recorded lessons with interactive Q&A sessions offered in the	Teachers will assist students during daily

<u>been closed</u>	morning. Intereactive Q&A sessions will be provided in the afternoon.	Classroom (Grades 3-8); SeeSaw (K-2).	afternoon. Teacher will take attendance digitally.	Q&A sessions via Zoom. Additional support will be provided upon student request.
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**Progress Monitoring**

Despite limitations, the goal is for children to continue their academic progress at grade level, in their faith, and following all core academic standards. These core standards are based on Diocesan standards.

Assessments will be done to identify gaps in student learning in order to make the necessary adjustments in both curriculum and instruction. Continual monitoring will occur throughout the school year.

St. Joseph’s Instructional Continuity Plan will be used to inform all instructional experiences to ensure guided instruction, collaborative opportunities, engaging projects, and independent study. Leveraging various content delivery methods including live-streamed lessons, lectures, mini-projects, videos, varied visual tools, and modeling, in union with varied opportunities for students to demonstrate their understanding via writing, speaking, visual production, modeling and building. St. Joseph Catholic School teachers will continue to provide a high-quality learning experience while students are off campus.

Assignments, deadlines, projects, and assessments will be coordinated so that the student and teacher workloads are both meaningful and manageable. We will be continuously evaluating grading practices to ensure grade reflection progress on standards and creating a system to identify and intervene with students who may be exhibiting academic and/or behavioral concerns.

The School will work to develop effective systems to address the social-emotional well-being of our students. School Support Plans will be reviewed by our resource teacher to ensure that documented and agreed-upon accommodations are being implemented with integrity, to the best of our ability in order for the student to be successful.

Student Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

St. Joseph Catholic School's vision is to be able to offer an at-home curriculum for families who do not feel ready to make the commitment to return full-time for on-campus learning. The at-home learning option will provide synchronous direct instruction via a live-stream platform. **Families seeking this option will need to submit the below request on or before Friday, July 31, 2020 at midnight.** This option will be reassessed quarterly by the Administration.

**Responsibility of the Student and Family (TUITION REMAINS THE SAME - NO DISCOUNT)**

- The commitment to continue will be evaluated toward the end of each quarter in order to prepare for the upcoming quarter.
- If a family chooses to return to school and then desires to revert back to at-home learning, this form will need to be resubmitted and approved by Administration.
- Students participating in at-home learning must adhere to school attendance procedures.
- Students participating in at-home learning will submit work on time and come to school for individual assessments (assessment dates coordinated with teacher and/or administration).
- If instruction is interrupted for any reason, the student is responsible for obtaining missed information.
- To stay updated on the most current information by regularly checking email and school communication on Renweb/FACTS and/or Google Classroom (Gr 3-8)/ SeeSaw (K-2).
- Participation in at-home learning will not result in the suspension, reduction, or refund of tuition in these circumstances.

*The school expects students to follow all student behavior and handbook guidelines including the use of technology and social media (including, but not limited to, the Internet, email, instant messaging and text messaging. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible and ethical fashion in compliance with all applicable laws and with Christian moral principles, both in and out of the school setting. Additionally, students may not use information technology for the purpose of defaming, threatening, teasing, or harassing any other student, staff member, parent, faculty member, or another person. Recording a class or individual without permission is prohibited. Moreover, any unauthorized use of the school's name (or common names associated with the school) or any likeness or image of the school or its employees or agents is strictly prohibited.*

**By signing below, the parent/student agrees to the above and is formally requesting to be evaluated for the St. Joseph Catholic School At-Home Learning Program.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to COVID-19

The novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly through person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. St. Joseph Catholic School has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, we cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending programs offered by the school and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the school may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, staff, coaches, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)’s attendance at any school sponsored programming (“Claims”). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless St. Joseph Catholic School and the Diocese of Palm Beach, and all of their current, former, and future agents, representatives, members, religious and employees and affiliated entities (collectively, “the Diocese”) of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Diocese, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any school program.

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*Signature of Parent/Guardian*

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*Date*

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*Print Name of Parent/Guardian*

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*Name of Student*