



## ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, COLOMBO-10.

“In Scientia Et Virtute”

10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents,

Greetings in the Lord.

**St. Joseph's College will re-open for the second term on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019. We will begin the classes only for the students of Grades 11 and 12 on that day. The dates of recommencement of other grades will be notified next week.**

Further soon after the recent tragic incidents, a Security Committee was formed with the participation of old boys, security/intelligent experts, teachers, members of the prefects' body, headed by me to formulate a comprehensive security plan for the college. Until we communicate the details of our security plan that includes Emergency Response Team (ERT), evacuation plans, trainings/drills etc. the following have been drawn up for the week starting 13<sup>th</sup> of May.

- All sports practices will be cancelled until further notice.
- Unauthorized vehicles/personnel will **not** be allowed into school premises at any time.
- All college entrances and the surroundings will be manned by Government forces with the support of enhanced private security personnel and the vigilant committee comprising of old boys and parents.
- All permitted vehicles and personnel including children/teachers etc will be thoroughly checked at the entrances.
- Children will be allowed to enter the premises after 6.30am and they should be picked up before 2.30pm.
- Students must produce the record book at the entrance to confirm their identity.
- Children can be dropped off at either gate in the morning. However, in the afternoon they can be picked up at the designated gates. For grades 6-9 from the swimming pool gate and grades 10-13 from the pavilion gate.
- All students waiting for afterschool transport are advised to stay inside the school till their vehicles arrive.
- The college premises will be thoroughly checked by the relevant law enforcement authorities prior to the reopening of the college.
- The students should bring food and water from home in transparent containers.
- Students are requested to bring a transparent school bag so that it is safe and easy for checking.
- They should only bring the writing books and the text books should be kept at home.
- The above instructions can change rapidly based on the security situation of any given day and therefore please regularly visit the college website <https://www.stjosephscollege.lk/>

The above measures have been taken to ensure the safety of your precious child and therefore I kindly request your fullest cooperation and apologize in advance for any inconvenience you may have to face as a result.

Before I conclude let me invite you to pray unceasingly for the safety and the protection of us all since we firmly believe that, “**unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain**”(Ps. 127:1)

May God Bless you all.

**Fr.Anton Ranjith**  
**Rector/Principal(Acting)**