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Dear Laura & Roisin

Sustrans School Mark Gold Award Assessment

Thank you for your recent application for School Mark Gold assessment. I am delighted to tell you that St Joseph's Primary School's assessment went extremely well, and we are awarding your school with the Gold Award. Congratulations! St Joseph's Primary is the first school in Newry, Mourne & Down District Council area to achieve the Gold award and the seventh school in Northern Ireland.

We were most impressed with the pupils' involvement and leadership in promoting active school travel. It is also fantastic to see how active school travel is championed by teachers across all key stages, classroom assistants, the SMT and the Board of Governors. This is a real credit to the hard work and commitment of staff, parents and pupils.

It is clear that active school travel is truly embedded in the culture of St Joseph's Primary School, and we would like commend you for making such a positive difference in the lives of your pupils. We would like to say a special thank you to Roisin for her enthusiasm and commitment to the Active School Travel Programme and to helping the school community to make more active and healthier journeys to school.

When it becomes possible again in the next school year, we would like to visit your school to officially present your Gold award during an assembly. Until then… congratulations to all the teachers, school staff, pupils and parents at St Joseph's Primary!

And thank you for the important work that you are all doing as key workers during this difficult time in the world. We wish you all the very best.

Best wishes,

Emma Keenan

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