



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

A huge thank you for all your prayers, messages of support and good wishes for our school community. The staff truly appreciate them, and they are helping us navigate these challenging times.

We understand that this is a difficult time for all, as previously said every individual faces their own particular challenges, one that is common for you as parents is managing home-learning. We know that home-learning is a huge learning curve for all (including staff), and that each family situation is different. We are required by the Government to provide a certain amount of work as set out in our Remote Learning offer which is on our website. We do not expect that all of the work will always be completed. Some days are more difficult than others and if you experience one or many of those days please get in touch with me or your child's class teacher. Communication is the most important element of home-learning, so if there are difficulties whether minor or major please get in touch, we are here to help.

We are delighted with the level of engagement in home-learning from the significant majority of our pupils, you are doing an incredible job!

My advice if facing a difficult day would be to take some time out, read, walk, play and talk with your children; huge amounts of learning can be found in all these activities and many everyday tasks, do not feel guilty for missing some set school work. Please let us know to allow us to support you or just to give you some time to regroup.

Our children are great ambassadors of Growth Mindset, so don't give up but give yourselves and your families a break or timeout if needed.

At this time of year, we would normally invite parents to Parent's Evening to discuss progress. Whilst that is not possible in the same way, teachers will contact you over the next couple of weeks to discuss how you and your child/children are. Teachers will message their individual classes to arrange this, it is likely that home-learning will be reduced at different points over this time to allow teachers the time to contact everyone individually.





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We are now in possession of COVID 19 lateral flow tests for all staff to self-test at home, this gives us some degree of reassurance that staff are now able to test twice weekly and have had recent negative results before attending school.

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 1 and 2 bubble children and staff back on Monday 8th February. We have missed you.

We are awaiting with great anticipation the Government's announcement and route out of Lockdown, especially the plan for schools. As soon as I know I will communicate with you but, as with recent guidance, the media seem to present it to us before the politicians.

Keep safe and well, enjoy half term when it comes.

God bless,

Mrs Julia Pearce



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