

Dear Parents,

Once again thank you very much for your words of appreciation they are a great source of comfort and resilience building for all the staff.

We continue to adapt to this "new normal" with over 25% of our staff absent. The measures taken so far, closing wrap around care and Nursery, are allowing us to redeploy staff to try to keep our school open for as long as possible.

In order to maintain an operational school for key workers, for as long as possible, I am asking for children in all year groups to be collected from 2pm, starting from today if possible. I understand this is short notice, please collect from the normal collection point for your child. This will again allow me to redeploy staff to maintain safe staffing levels at all times e.g. lunchtime.

If you give permission for your child to walk home alone, if in years 5 and 6, please confirm this by email to admin@st-marys-royston.herts.sch.uk. They will then be able to leave at 2pm.

If you are a key worker, that is anyone who is working outside of their home in a role that is keeping our society functioning (NHS, education, police, food / medical supplies etc.), you may collect your child between 2.45 and 3.15pm as before.

This is my last line of defence before closing other year groups.

Once again, we await further guidance from the Government and continue to work with the advice we have to the best of our ability.

Thank you for your on-going co-operation and support.

Julia Pearce