

Good afternoon everyone,

Firstly, I would like to thank all of you who have managed to make alternative arrangements during this challenging time. We are trying our best to keep the school open but we should continue to be a last resort for your children. The reason schools have closed is to increase social distancing. The government and scientists' first and overriding principle is for them to stay at home if at all possible.

I would like to thank the staff who are working incredibly hard, either at home or in school. I really appreciate all their support and their willingness to continue to do everything they can for our community.

We have heard that some of the online systems we suggested using, Purple Mash and Tapestry, have been overwhelmed today with people accessing them. Whilst I am impressed that the children continue to be keen to learn, I imagine it may take the companies a little while to adjust to the increase in demand so please bear with them.

Teachers will continue to set tasks via Twitter and Purple Mash but some parents have asked about being able to contact teachers directly. Staff are all working either at home or school so we have set up a new email account specifically for any home learning questions you may have. Members of staff will be monitoring it and reply to you when they are able to. If you have any questions, please email

homelearning@st-marys-royston.herts.sch.uk and not the admin account.

Thank you again for all your thoughts and prayers. We will continue to work together and get through this. Keep safe & God bless.

Mrs Julia Pearce,

Headteacher