



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School

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Wednesday 1st July

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and have been enjoying the gradual, careful ease of lockdown restrictions.

Thank you for your continued support and patience in this challenging time for us all. I am delighted that the electrical work in The Lodge is proceeding as planned and the remaining work will be completed over the coming weeks, a new self-contained learning space for September, which is fantastic!

As you are aware government guidance is ever changing and to be frank not given with any time for planning. We are expecting updated guidance at the end of this week.

At this time of year, we are usually (and still are) busily planning for the new academic year. Teachers have been planning transition activities for their new classes. **All teachers** will remain in their current year groups for the academic year 2020-21. Teaching assistants will be allocated once it is possible to do so. The transition activities will be uploaded to Seesaw or Tapestry from July 6th. Teachers will provide some activities to be completed over the summer, which is not normal practice, but I considered it important this year.

The children's new teachers will start setting activities and work from Monday 6th, you will not need to do anything differently on Seesaw as the activities will be sent to the correct accounts. The current Year 6 accounts will be archived, and any remaining work will be on Purple Mash for those students not in school.

We do not know the expectations for schools in September. Therefore, I have planned for several scenarios, **the most likely I think:**

- All children welcomed back full time (excluding children who are shielding with medical needs)
- Attendance will be compulsory/mandatory





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- Ongoing health and safety, we are unsure if social distancing will be required in schools
- Ongoing increased expectations for cleaning - good regular hand hygiene and regular cleaning of hard surfaces and equipment/resources.
- Bubbles of 30 in operation, no staff crossover, no gatherings e.g. assemblies, staggered break times, no child crossover, limited resources and activities, outdoor access only, no children through school
- Outdoor learning encouraged
- Bubbles to close - if anyone has symptoms for testing
- Staggered drop off and pick up
- Limited visitors, no parents on site
- No breakfast or after school club
- Possible early closure Friday for deep cleaning of equipment and resources in line with other Trust schools.

All the points above are yet to be confirmed, please be reassured that as soon as our plans are finalised in line with government guidance as it is published, I will provide you with all necessary information.

Also, at this time we are usually planning end of year celebrations. Sadly, these are not possible in the traditional way. However, we are at present planning creatively to celebrate the end of St Mary's for Year 6 and preparing them for the new and exciting opportunities that they will embrace in their new schools. More information to follow shortly for Year 6.

Thank you again for your support.
God Bless

Mrs Julia Pearce

