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Dear Parent

June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart

Extending our Provision in School:

We are currently up to capacity for our Reception attendance and should more children begin to return from this year group, we will need to revise the way we have planned our schedule – with children not attending school every day.

Y1: From next Monday (22nd), we are extending our opening to our Y1 children and letters/texts have been sent out for their response. Those electing to send their Y1 children into school will be notified of times and 'bubbles' by Thursday of this week.

We have compiled a set of '**FAQs**' –on website – **for all parents to read**. Please note this is updated regularly in accordance with new government information.

Home Learning

This will continue with the same vigour as before and we intend to remain dedicated to this important service as it impacts the majority of our children and therefore remains one of our key priorities. Due to needing more staff in school, it may be that only one teacher will be overseeing all of the home learning in any given week for each year band. This will not affect the activities or the communication offered via the platform.

I want to thank our teachers who have continued to work very hard for the children and their learning. Thanks should also go to those children who recognise the importance of participating in their studies.

Public Information regarding on-line learning:

You may have seen the article about the numbers of children in our country who are not engaging in learning at all during this period of lockdown/closure. We are so very proud that this does not apply to us at St Mary's. Admittedly, we are struggling with a small group of children, but for the majority of parents who are so dedicated to the home learning and to their children, we want to say a huge thank you! We know it is a challenge for those of you who have your own work to commit to as well, but we really have so much to be proud of as a school community and we, and your children, are indebted to your support for them.

Mrs Keating: is now officially on Maternity Leave and no longer available to support learning. She has worked tremendously hard over these past weeks, extending her working time to support our Y5 children and the school. Her due date is this week! We send her all our love and best wishes as she awaits her new baby. God bless x

Church Opening for Private Prayer

Fr John is planning and preparing to open the church from next Monday (22nd) – the delay is due to the need for the Archdiocese to approve the plans in place for the safety of the parishioners. I understand that numbers allowed in will be limited for private prayer in the 'old section' of the church on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. We would hope that our parents fully respect the purpose of the re-opened

11th week in Ordinary Time



church – and it should not be used as a place of shelter, if it rains, while waiting to pick children up from school. Thank you.

The God who Speaks to us...

“God didn’t bring you this far to leave you.”

Philippians 1:6

Yours sincerely,

H McCusack

Headteacher