



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

## September is dedicated to the Mother of Sorrows

### **COVID Safe Requirements:**

The Government has begun to increase the steps that we, the citizens of this country, are duty bound to comply with. **Social distancing** (space) has been part of our practice for a number of months now and we are all familiar with what this means. When collecting your children from school, the lining up within the school grounds is going very well – thank you for your cooperation – however, the grouping on the pavement outside of school is not appropriate.

**PLEASE**, line up in a distanced way until the time your youngest child's class is due to leave. It would be easier if parents did not turn up too early to pick up their child. Thank you.

### **IMPORTANT ...**

**If you, or one of your children, has any symptoms of COVID 19 and you are going to have a test ALL the members of that household MUST isolate until a) the isolation period has passed and/or b) there is a negative test result. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHILDREN INTO SCHOOL IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS AWAITING TEST RESULTS! You must inform school in this situation. Thank you.**

### **Classes Isolating**

We will ask whole class bubbles to isolate if there is a positive test result from within that class. These are the rules – we do not make them but must follow them for the safety and protection of all. We recognise that this circumstance is not something that is welcomed but it is where we are at this point in time. If your child develops symptoms while isolating, please let us know straight away.

**Children's home learning:** We understand the difficulties you may have juggling full time employment with home learning but we are required by DfE (by law) to provide learning to children in these circumstances. It is also in the best interests of any child's academic progress to continue working. While a child is at home, this is your responsibility – schooling is not just about being in the school building – it is, and always has been, a joint responsibility. Teachers are preparing work for children at home in such a way that will enable you to support your child (if they need it) quite easily. We accept that you will have to timetable your child's learning at home within your working framework. However, it is a really important responsibility for your child that you carry! Teachers are available via e-schools to answer queries and to support you. Thank you for all that you do to safeguard your child's education!

### **Reception Class Rite of Welcome / Harvest – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**

We are planning to receive our Reception children into our Catholic School community on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9.30am. A Mass will be celebrated and the children led into school afterwards by our Y6. Due to current restrictions, only **ONE** adult may accompany each Reception child.

### **Harvest 2020**

We want to support the Fireside Centre again this year to help the homeless. Their plight during this pandemic must be even more difficult than for those of us with cosy homes. Let us give generously. We will distribute a food list, that has been requested by the Fireside, to the children. Thank you!

Ordinary Time – Week 25: “Why be envious because I am generous?”



**Maternity Leave:** Mrs Hammond left us on Thursday to begin her maternity leave and Mrs Mc Connell leaves us this Friday. We wish them both a safe confinement and God's blessings at this time.

Mrs Davis – Deputy Headteacher – I am delighted to confirm that Mrs Davis returns from her second maternity leave on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. It will be wonderful to see her back so that we can work together to 'steady the ship' in these rather turbulent times.

## The God who Speaks...

**"... my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways" – it is the Lord who speaks.**

Yours sincerely,

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