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# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

## June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart

### School Opening / Information:

We welcome some of our Reception children next week – to a very different school experience from the one they left. Reception parents have been provided with a detailed letter of what school life will be like in these unprecedented times. The letter is also on our school website under COVID 19 for all to read.

We have compiled a set of 'FAQs' – also on website – for all parents to read.

### Home Learning

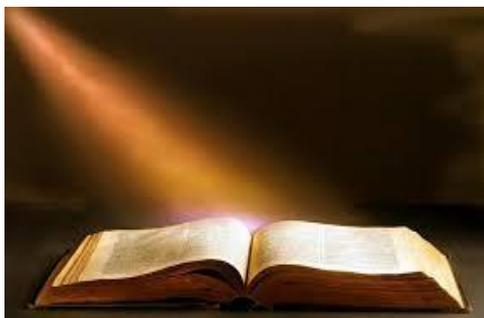
This will continue with the same vigour as before and we want to dedicate to this important service as it impacts the majority of our children and therefore remains one of our key priorities. Due to needing more staff in school, it may be that only one teacher will be overseeing all of the home learning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

Proposed Schedule for other year groups returning to school.

Week beginning	What is happening?
1 <sup>st</sup> June	School open for key worker children
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Key worker and Reception children only.
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>Y1 return to school date</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y6 return to school date</b>

**NB:** We do not envisage being able to extend our offer to other year groups before September due to staffing and building limitations.

**Washing Hands!** *It is crucial that, as we prepare to return to school in some form, that the children are really well trained in hand washing – 20 seconds with soap, in between fingers etc. If it is the single most important thing to do to protect ourselves (as we have been told), then it is the single most important preparation/training **you can provide** to your child in order to help us all stay safe when we return. PLEASE ensure they know that they ONLY need to press the soap pump ONCE!*



### The God who Speaks to us...

*"The Spirit loves us and knows everyone's place in the grand scheme of things. "We are not bits of confetti blown about by the wind, rather we are irreplaceable fragments in His mosaic."*

*Pope Francis, homily the Solemnity of Pentecost, May 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.*

9<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time



### **Sunday Mass**

As you will be aware, St Mary's church live streams masses each Sunday at 10:30am via YouTube. The link is on the parish website. On the date that Year Three's First Holy Communion was due to be celebrated, Fr John read out bidding prayers written by our own children. This was such a lovely and thoughtful gesture and the feedback was wonderful. Our children will again be asked to share their own bidding prayers so please tune in and watch!

### **Parent questionnaire**

Our parent questionnaire is still available to give your views. We are considering each and every response we receive and it informs our approach moving forward. Due to the school's current closure to the majority of pupils, this year's questionnaire is online and can be found by following this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/StMaryB17>

Please note that to fill in the questionnaire, you will have to leave an email address, which also means that your responses are no longer anonymous. However, since we value all honest feedback, please do not be put off by this.

Yours sincerely,

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