



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Oh my, what a whirlwind of a week it has been!

Thank you ever so much for your continued support and understanding during this time. It certainly is proving challenging.

The school has now moved to remote learning for all pupils including those (vulnerable and key workers children) in school. Children should only attend the days they need to be cared for if they are key workers children. If key worker parents are working from home, the government has requested that children stay at home to protect the wider community and our schools and teachers. If you are a key worker and working from home, please do make sure that you keep your child home with you.

Live lessons with teachers have started this week via Google meet or Google classrooms. The teachers have prepared timetables and have placed this on Class Dojo for you to check with. We have tried to vary the time the live teaching happens as we know that many siblings may need devices to see the learning that is taking place. Other learning will be shared via Dojo with signposting to the links on the St Mary's website. Please also see the published plan for remote learning. If you have any further questions or worries please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher via Dojo.

There is an expectation that children take part in online learning on a daily basis. The DFE guidelines indicate that pupils need to be complete over three hours a day for KS1 (infants) and four hours of learning for KS2 (juniors). All teachers will be monitoring online learning every day. If we can see that your child is taking part in the work set for the class we will be able to record their attendance online in a positive way as attending offsite online.

However, if the children are unable to continue to learn online for any reason, we are unable to record this attendance as learning offsite due to COVID. Please do contact me if you cannot access the learning online, it is so important that our children continue to make progress over the next six weeks so they do not fall behind.

Our **nursery class** will be open for key workers children if they require a place.

**Breakfast club** has started again. It is available from 7.45. Please book on parent pay. Children are kept in class bubbles and they are socially distanced.

We are unable to run **wrap around** at the moment. As soon as it is sensible and viable to reopen, I will let you know.

School uniform is to be worn by all children in school in line with Plymouth CAST policy.

Mr Holmes would like to bring back the family quiz. This will be held at 1 pm most days if you would like to join. The link for the quiz will be sent out by your class teacher.

We are sorry that the current turn of events will cause difficulties for everyone; our parents, carers and families, and look forward to a return to normality as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

**Alison McDonald**

Headteacher

