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## St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

As I sit here writing my letter with teachers pinging through to me their stars of the week, I have a rye smile thinking all staff and parents deserve one at the moment!

The lockdown expectations for schools this time round is very different from the first lockdown and I have attached our required expectations which will also be on our website.

As you can see, all schools have a legal requirement to provide **at least** 3 hours of learning for EYFS and KS1 and **at least** 4 hours for KS2. This must be the full curriculum offer that the children receive in school. We are also required to record individual pupil engagement, submission of work and learning hours. If a pupil is not engaged in the learning the class teachers will monitor this and contact parents when necessary.

As most of the staff are also working parents, we do understand the challenges for parents who are working from home whilst supporting children with their on-line learning, particularly where there are multiple siblings. The teachers are ever mindful of this and the work set for your child should be work that they can complete independently, but we must maintain the expectation of the legal requirement of time spent. If you are finding this is not the case and your child is struggling to keep up, please contact the class teacher who can discuss the work further with you.

As always, I thank you for your support in these very challenging times. Please contact me directly if you have any concerns.

Warmest wishes

Demelza Bolton  
Executive Headteacher

