



Be Even More Prepared

17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I don't know about you, but I'm finding it a bit tricky that the government announcements are all coming just after I've got home from work – but require me to make changes before the next working day! Hey ho...

Learning Packs

We realise that there is going to be some considerable pressure on laptops and computers if everyone is working from home. We are starting to prepare some 'paper' learning packs – the first of which will go home with year 2 and year 6 today – and other year groups by the end of the week. **Please do not start using these unless the school is closed or your teacher tells you otherwise!** We will keep you going with other things if you are home now – but just want to make sure EVERYONE gets something before it gets too tricky. *If you know of someone in your child's class who is at home for any reason we would be grateful if anyone could offer to deliver packs for us. Please Dojo message the class teacher if you are happy to help. If you do not have electronic devices you can use for learning at home please let your class teacher know. If you have older/spare devices that you might be able to share please let us know if you would be willing to have your details passed on to families with none.*

Partial school closure

There is a possibility I may need to partially close if I do not have enough staff to open the school safely. I am aware however that as a society we are all reliant on some people keeping working! Rather than close fully I will be exploring the with Local Authority the possibility of partially opening the school – specifically for the children of public sector workers (if it is safe to do so.) At the moment we don't know who you are! We would want to support families working in the following professions as a top priority: Doctors; Nurses; Carers; other NHS workers; Police; Fire Service; Ambulance Service; Social Workers; Prison Officers, Pharmacists. If this is you, please could you email info@stmarysprimary.org giving the name and class of your child/children and your profession. This will enable us to think through logistics and take advice from the Local Authority. If we have any additional capacity we will keep year 6 learning going for a long as we can. I am sorry that I cannot give any guarantees that this will be possible – but we will do our best!

Trips and Residential

I think we should all be working on the assumption that all outside trips and residentials are cancelled, or at the very least postponed and all musical and sporting events are cancelled. Despite the fact that as a school we will carry some financial liability for some of these events **for any trip that has been paid for that is cancelled we need to refund you your money in full.** We don't have the capacity to work all this through just at the moment so please bear with us! More details will follow – but if you are in financial hardship and really need a refund sooner please email bursar@stmarysprimary.org (Please note any refunds can only be paid by cheque).

Can you help?

Our wonderful Mr Everett, on whom we rely so heavily, is among the group of people who are going to need to extra-cautious about social distancing from the weekend, and therefore our school full of people will not be an appropriate environment! He has agreed to continue unlocking the school in the morning (when no one is around) but we would welcome some support during the school day.

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- At team of up to 4 people to help set out and clear tables and chairs in the dinner halls between 11.15 and 1.15
 - A team to double check that the toilets and all soap dispensers are fully stocked at the start of the day
- If you are fit and well and able to offer us any time next week please email Sue Duff bursar@stmarysprimary.org

By the time some of you read this most of it may be redundant things are changing so quickly! But let's do all we can together whilst we can and keep lines of communication open.

Thank you all for you support
Best wishes

Sarah Lewis

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