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Dear Parents

Here we go again, thank you so much for your continued support and patience, we've worked extremely hard to switch to remote learning this week with no notice.

Please can I assure you that the children who are at home and those who are in school are getting equal opportunities for learning.

Thank you for the positive feedback that teachers have been receiving on Google classroom, it's great to hear that so many of our children have fully engaged with the online learning.

The key message from the Government advice reminds us that the single most important action we can take is to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives. Key worker guidance is one parent per family, if you feel it is essential that you make use of this place, please contact the school office.

We know that many of you are juggling more than one child at home whilst also trying to work full time and we genuinely applaud you, it is not an easy job! You are not a superhero, please do what you can on a daily basis.

Staff have set a recommended timetable for you to follow, we are also going live with lessons in the mornings. These sessions will be recorded; you do not have to be there at every single session, this is not humanly possible if you have more than one child or on a Zoom meeting of your own with work.

Your invites to the live sessions will be via Google classroom; if you have not logged into this yet, please do so today. Again please bear with us, there might be technical difficulties on Monday morning, we are trying our best.

We would recommend that you log in to Google classroom each morning to check for messages and updates from the teachers.



Please see my other letter regarding giving permission for your child to take part in the live teaching sessions, these need to be given by the end of the weekend to ensure GDPR is met.

Teachers will be online in the morning and then available three afternoons per week via email to answer any questions etc. Please bear in mind that we are trying to support all our children with five teachers so you might not get a response to your email straight away, however it will be within 24 hours.

For any enquiries to the school office, email is best option as this is regularly monitored.

To all our St Mary's families at home, we're back on our Toy Story journey, Keep the PBL of Woody and Jessie and as Buzz says, we'll miss you to infinity and beyond....

Yours sincerely

P. Fearn

Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher