

# St Mary's Catholic First School

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#### Dear Parents,

This week has seen the reopening of workplaces within our local and extended community, as a result more of you are now juggling work commitments whilst supporting your children at home with learning.



We know, having spoken with many of you that home learning is becoming more challenging, therefore we have planned Project themed learning for the last four weeks of term.

Next week is our virtual Sports week, we know our children will really enjoy this; parents please feel free to join in with the fun! (see attached information)

## **Update on the current situation in school**

### St Mary's Haycorns and Kidszone remain closed for the rest of this school term.

We have welcomed back children from Reception, Year 1 and the Key Worker group, these children are shared across six rooms in school. We are adhering to the Social Distancing rules ensuring the safety of both children and staff.

Unfortunately we have reached full capacity and cannot welcome any further children back without breaking the Government guidance, as you know Safeguarding is of the utmost importance in our school therefore sadly we will not be able to see the rest of our children until September.

If you are a key worker who requires a space we can add you to a waiting list and should anything become available we will be in contact with you.

#### **Transition**

Transition arrangements have begun for our Reception Class 2020, Year 3 will receive a video from Miss Simmonds explaining how to write their "buddy" letter on Monday. Please remember to check your "junk email" however if you don't receive it by 3pm please contact the office.

Well done to our Year 4 children who continue to complete the weekly activities from Mrs Pegram at Osmund's. It's fantastic that the children will have the opportunity to meet their new tutor. We will be in touch with you in the coming weeks to confirm end of term arrangements for our Year 4 Leavers.

Current Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 children will receive an email and video from their new teacher week beginning 29th June. More information will follow next week.

### **Summer Holidays**

We have not yet received Government guidance for September opening, or the Governments offer for the School Holiday whilst school is closed.

As soon as we have this information we will share it via letter/email.

This information will go to all our St Mary's and St Mary's Haycorns families.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Paula Fearn **Head Teacher**