

*St Mary's RC Primary School*  
*'Growing, loving and learning in the arms of Mary'*  
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Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

It has been a very different few weeks for us all. For the few children who have had to attend school they have made the best of it; enjoyed their time and taken the opportunity for creativity and exercise and it has been a pleasure supporting the key workers in their fight against the Corona Virus. For all of you at home, I hope you are coming to terms with your home schooling and getting into a routine which will keep those precious young minds ticking over until we can return.

As a Catholic School we have missed our Lenten services and the build up to a Holy Easter celebration. We hope that wherever we are over Easter we can join together in prayer and focus on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us and the joy of His rising on Easter Sunday.

We will all now be impacted in some way on a personal level by the virus, and we keep all our loved ones in our prayers particularly the elderly and most vulnerable at this difficult time. Many of us won't be spending this special weekend with our loved ones and this will be truly painful but this age of communication is providing us with so many different ways of keeping in touch and we must be grateful for that.

I would like to thank all of you for your support at this time and we all know that we will get through this together. We still have no real idea of how long this situation will go on for and we are missing the children greatly.

I wish you all a happy and Holy Easter,

God Bless,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Clephane', written in a cursive style.

Mr M Clephane,

Headteacher

The Governing Body of St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School and the Diocese are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and the highest priority is given to following the guidance and regulations to safeguard them and we are committed to respond in accordance with Local Safeguarding Board procedures E-Mail: [info@smrc.school](mailto:info@smrc.school)  
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