

St Mary's RC Primary School

'Growing, loving and learning in the arms of Mary'

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Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

I would like to thank you all for supporting key workers by keeping your children at home; as a result very few children are attending school which means more staff are able to be at home with their families. These low numbers are replicated across Sunderland and as a result it makes sense for schools to group together. From Monday 30th March St. Mary's will be one of 8 Hub Schools in Sunderland. We will be open for vulnerable children and children of key workers from St. Mary's, St. Leonards and St. Joseph's. We still predict numbers to remain low and will have a skeleton staff; this will mean that St. Leonard's and St. Joseph's will be able to close, again reducing the number of people who have to leave home each day.

In the main St. Mary's children will be looked after by St. Mary's staff but will at times be with staff and children from the other schools; we will endeavour as always to try to keep children a safe distance apart when possible.

I would also once again remind you that **if a child can be kept at home they should**; working from home would not constitute a need to send your child into school.

Thank you for playing your part to help fight Covid 19.

Yours sincerely,

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

Mr M Clephane, Headteacher