

# St Mary's RC Primary School

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

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Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

School has been very different this week. With hardly any children and staff in, it has been a very quiet place. I would like to thank all the families who have followed the advice and kept their children at home at this difficult time. This is not only protecting children but ensures that we are able to stay open to provide childcare for vulnerable children and children of key workers as they face the challenge of Covid 19. It also means that staff are able to be kept safe until they are called upon.

In the same way that we are sad that we are unable to see our families as we normally would we are also sad not to see our St. Mary's family. It will be difficult for some to manage and being cooped up in the same house for long periods will be something we are not used to. I hope it will be an opportunity for all of us to reflect on what is most important to us and take comfort that we can care for our children, however if you have a problem that you think we can help with please get in touch.

In school we normally discourage the over use of mobile technology and social media but at this time it will be a blessing so we can entertain ourselves and importantly keep in touch.

It is not clear from one day to the next what will happen here at St. Mary's and schools may be asked to become hubs for other schools as so few children are in each. We will of course keep you informed with any changes and will always do our utmost to support the children the best we can.

Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in ours and I hope you stay well during this challenging time

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Clephane', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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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