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Catholic Education Trust

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Dear Families,

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been another week of wall-to-wall video conferencing meetings for staff to meet with each other and for family gatherings. It is also making sure that people regularly brush their hair! We are hoping that the nation's general knowledge improves due to amount of quizzes out there...

We are writing this after the Prime Minister's announcements on Sunday evening which outlined how the lockdown restrictions will affect schools. From a St Mary's Primary School perspective, as you can imagine, we have scenarios planned for every possible option that the Senior Leadership Team have managed to dream up. We appreciate that many of you will have specific questions that you want to be answered as quickly as possible, but we are going to ask for a continuation of the exceptional patience and support that so many of you have shown over the last few months.

We are sending out a survey asking for your comments and queries, and we urge you to complete this so we receive your views and questions. As soon as we have some specifics from the Government on how Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children may return to school, then the actual planning work can be shared. Currently, there are so many unknowns. What is clear is that this will not be school as it was just a few months ago; we are expecting to possibly have significantly reduced classes, a mix of in-school and distance learning perhaps, while catering and facilities will need to be modified to ensure social distancing measures are adhered to. From a hygiene point of view, our cleaning services will have to respond to the plan that is put in place. In addition, we need to consider which staff will be able to return safely to work, as obviously anyone with a formal shielding notice needs to remain at home, and this could have an impact on teaching capacity. From a scheduling perspective, it is likely children will not be taught by their own class teacher and will not be in their usual classroom as there is the need for much smaller class sizes, and, in parallel, continue the focus on distance learning, all of which require high quality teaching support.

Emails

A reminder of the emails that are used in school

keyworkers@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

homestudyhelp@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

eyfs@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

yearone@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

yeartwo@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

yearthree@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

yearfour@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

yearfive@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

yearsix@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

soffice@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

To be used to book children into school

To be used to ask questions related to school work

To share your work and activities with the reception staff

To share your work and activities with the year one staff

To share your work and activities with the year two staff

To share your work and activities with the year three staff

To share your work and activities with the year four staff

To share your work and activities with the year five staff

To share your work and activities with the year six staff

This is the school office and is to be used if your query

doesn't match one of the above areas.



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And finally, once again, you have our commitment that we will not reopen St Mary's to classes from an educational perspective until we have firm plans in place, to ensure that our pupils and staff will be as safe as possible. As we are sure you will appreciate there is a significant amount of work needed to put the extensive range of interventions and adaptations in place to enable us to reopen safely.

Thank you as always for your kind words and encouragement through these testing times.

Take care everyone.

Mrs Graham and Mrs Tumelty



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