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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

### School Update

I hope you are all well. I cannot believe we are now in July, although times are very strange, I cannot believe how quickly we are approaching the end of the school year! Once more we have welcomed more children back to school this week. They have adapted to the new ways of school brilliantly and are really enjoying being back at school.

#### Our Bubbles of Children

You will all be aware that, as children have returned to school, they have been placed in 'bubbles'. The children remain in these bubbles throughout their time at school. We are only allowed to have a maximum of 15 children in each of them. I have had a number of families contact me this week to enquire if there is space for their child. Those families that have contacted me have now taken the final places in the bubbles. We are therefore unable to welcome any new children back before the end of term. The only exceptions are those children who have parents / carers who are key workers and children who have EHCPs.

If your child falls into this category and you need your child to attend school, to help with planning you **must contact me the Friday of the week before** to confirm which days you require care. This is important as I need to ensure I have the correct staffing ratios for the number of children. Thank you for your support in this matter.

#### Class Teachers 2020-2021

I am delighted to be able to share with you class teachers for next year.

Pre School	-	Mrs Long
Nursery	-	Mrs Billington
Reception	-	Mrs Crawford
Year 1	-	Mrs Zesmin
Year 2	-	Mrs Waldram
Year 3	-	Mrs Stevens
Year 4	-	Mrs Aldorino
Year 5	-	Mrs McParland
Year 6	-	Mrs Dowling / Mrs Peacham

We are very lucky to have such a strong and stable staff. All of our staff have been working extremely hard during the lockdown to prepare for next year and I know they are all very excited to welcome their new class in September.

#### September 2020

The Government this week shared guidance to support schools in opening more fully in September. I am currently working with senior members of staff and colleagues in our Trust to prepare for the safe return of the children. As soon as I have more information regarding this, I will share it with you.



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### Class Dojo

A reminder that work and messages continue to be posted on Class Dojo. Even if your child is at school, please continue to check the platform for up to date information and messages from staff.

Do not forget if you have any questions regarding home schooling or need a pack of work, please contact Mrs Waldram [lwaldram@stmarysprimary.org.uk](mailto:lwaldram@stmarysprimary.org.uk)

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

As a way of saying well done and thank you to the children who are at school, next Friday all children who are in school are invited to come to school dressed in their own clothes.

### School reading books and property

To help us prepare for September, can I please ask for your help. If you have any school property at home, including reading books, can I please ask you to return them to school by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July. From Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July a box will be placed outside the main school gate for you to drop school possessions off safely. The box will be in place from 9.45am – 2.15pm Tuesday to Friday for the next 2 weeks. If these times are not suitable for you and you have school property, please send me a message via Class Dojo and I will arrange a more convenient time with you.

### Social Distancing

Please be reminded the expectation regarding social distancing for adults, including parents, remains **2 metres**. Please set a good example to the children when dropping them off and picking them up. This is to protect all members of the school community. We have a number of parents who are key workers and we want to support them in staying safe too. Thank you for your support in this very important matter.

### School Packed Lunches

The Free School Meal voucher scheme was set up at the beginning of school closures to help families while their children are at home. As children return to school, their Free School Meal will be provided by the school, as was the case prior to lockdown. Therefore, vouchers will be reduced to reflect this change. Families will still receive voucher assistance for each Monday while the school is closed for cleaning.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Chiswell  
Headteacher