



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

We hope you are managing to keep safe and well during the latest lockdown. In these rapidly changing times, here are a few updates to share with you:

## Remote Learning

The government's intention is that all children will continue to learn during this current period of school closures. To ensure that pupils studying at home and those in school are learning the same thing, class teachers, with the exception of Mrs Teeder, are using Purple Mash to support all pupils' learning. Meldor Class currently have different arrangements. The school is also required to monitor the learning carried out by each pupil, so teaching staff will contact pupils' families to ensure that learning is being completed.

Detailed help notes for Purple Mash are attached with this email and are also available on:

<https://www.st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk/curriculum/online-learning/>

## Ten Ten Resources

Staff are also uploading the daily prayers and reflections used in school onto the class blogs so that all children can access these during the national lockdown.

## The Wednesday Word

This is available from the following link on our school website:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/new-start?pid=MTA101634&v=14.5>

## Government guidance

The government have updated their guidance regarding school attendance, for children of critical workers, in response to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.

The guidance can be read in full at:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/951035/210108\\_Parents\\_Guidance\\_vF.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951035/210108_Parents_Guidance_vF.pdf)

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### Free School Meals

The school will be contacting families about vouchers once we have received further information about the government scheme this time.

### Start and end of the day arrangements

For those still attending school, please could parents / carers continue to socially distance whilst waiting for children to go into school or waiting for them to leave school at the end of the day. In accordance with our COVID 19 risk assessment and government guidance, please also leave the school car park as soon as you have collected your child / children to avoid unnecessary social contact with other parents / carers.

### Tuck shop

For those children in school there will be no tuck shop during the lockdown period. As the National Fruit Scheme has also been suspended, if your child requires a snack at break time please send one in from home.

With kind regards

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