

Friday 4th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Every Friday I will issue an update for parents on the management of the coronavirus situation in school. This will be sent out on Friday afternoon by email via SchoolComms from the school office. Please ensure that the office has a current email address for you and that you read the information contained in the update. I will endeavour to keep all communication clear and concise.

For the time being, we will not be sending out fortnightly newsletters – any school or community news will be sent out by email to the relevant families.

Dropping off and picking up

Thank you to everyone for sticking to the new systems. I appreciate it is not always easy to arrive and pick up bang on time but please can we politely ask parents to wherever possible:

- Stick as closely as possible to your allocated drop off and pick up time.
- Avoid parking in the overflow car park.
- Avoid blocking pavements when waiting for children.

Lunchtimes and Breaktimes

Children have managed to keep to their 'bubbles' when playing but it is much more manageable to minimise contacts when children are all on the field in their bubbles. Please can parents help us by ensuring:

All children have a pair of named wellies to keep in school for playing on the field at playtimes.

Remote Learning

The Government require all schools to have a contingency plan in place to provide remote learning in the event of a local lockdown or if individual or groups of children are required to self-isolate. We are currently writing this plan and we would appreciate your views on the remote learning provided by the school during lockdown through a short survey available [here](#). We would be very grateful if you could find the time to complete this before Wednesday 9th September. Please complete the questionnaire separately for each of your children who were at St Mary's during the lockdown period. Thank you for your time.

Children with symptoms of coronavirus

Symptoms include:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- Loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell.

If your child or anyone in your household has any of the symptoms above please follow the stay at home guidance for households at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>.

[Parents should also book a test for their child through the testing website: https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

The child must stay at home until there is a negative test result. As soon as they have the result the parent/carer should contact the school to inform us of the result.

If any parents have difficulty in accessing a test please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Woolley

Headteacher