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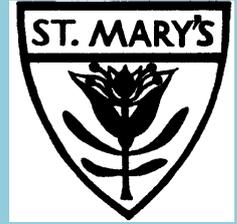


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*God is at the centre of our lives and as a school community we try to grow in  
love and care by following the example of Jesus*



Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents

## Re:- Corona virus update

Thank you all for your continued support. The Governing body, staff and I are aware that we now have a number of families self- isolating and that this number will increase. Our thoughts are with any families who are unwell.

Currently, although expectations are that schools remain open I have had to close Nursery due to staffing problems. I would like to stress that at this moment we do not have any confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in school however if at some point St Mary's does have to close staff are preparing activities and links to keep the children busy.

Finally, please see the updated guidance below from public health:

The Government has this evening announced the introduction of new stringent measures to help tackle the coronavirus outbreak in the country.

These are being introduced because of the rapid increase in cases and aim to push the peak of cases into the summer to ease the pressure on the NHS.

Here are the key points:

- Anyone who has a new persistent cough or a temperature of 37.8C or above and anyone who lives with them should stay at home for 14 days
- People should minimise social contact and avoid public transport, pubs, clubs, theatres and other such social venues
- People should start working from home where they possibly can
- Those over 70 or those who have a significant health condition such as heart disease and lung disease as well as women who are pregnant need to take extra care to minimise social contact for 12 weeks from the end of this week
- Only use the NHS when we really need to
- From tomorrow government will no longer be "supporting" mass gatherings using emergency workers

We will continue to review all information at this difficult time and share it with you as promptly as possible,

Best wishes

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