



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

*Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth*

10th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to thank you for the help and support offered during the fire alarm which occurred yesterday at the very end of the school day. Given that both Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Betts were in meetings offsite and that we were right at the very end of a hot, tiring day the response from parents/carers, staff and children was exceptional.

The reason for the false alarm has been identified and dealt with and so I would just like to reiterate my thanks to all those who helped in a variety of ways yesterday.

Firstly, parents and carers were extremely helpful in terms of leaving space for the KS1 and EYFS children to come out and be registered. Thank you also for your understanding that every child had to be accounted for before we could dismiss the children ready to go home. Your patience and understanding really helped to resolve a difficult situation in the best way possible.

Secondly, staff. All members of staff carried out their roles in line with the drill and, despite the complications of timing, followed procedure accurately and quickly in order to ensure the safety of the children.

Finally, the children themselves, I am sure you will join with me in feeling incredibly proud of the calm, mature and sensible reaction displayed by all year groups. They followed the drill routine, stayed calm and listened attentively under some very difficult circumstances. They really were a credit to the school and behaved impeccably right through the entire episode.

I apologise for the inconvenience of not being able to take home some of your children's belongings last night and for anyone whose plans were affected by the later finish to the day.

Once again, thank you for your continued support which, as ever, is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

R Howard

Mr. R. Howard
Deputy Headteacher.