



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

*Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth*

29th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Provision for teaching at St. Mary's for children in Reception and Year 6

I have received confirmation today that Plymouth CAST will be going ahead with their plans to open schools to more pupils from Monday 1st June 2020, as they have had confirmation that the Government's 5 tests for moving to the next phase have been satisfied.

Next week we have planned to welcome back all the pupils who have informed us that they are taking up the place. If you change your mind or have not confirmed your child's place, then please inform the office before Wednesday of each week and so that we can plan for your child to return the following Monday.

Please be aware that we will follow "first day contact" rules for any children who we are expecting, therefore it is essential to call the school office if your child is going to be absent through illness.

Over the last 2 weeks we have put in place measures to ensure the safety and well-being of children, parents and staff. Risk assessments and action plans are in place. The staff have been working hard preparing and they are all set to go.

We have put the Government's recommendations into place. These include:

- Creating discrete 'Bubbles' of 15 children and providing 2 adults who will work with each 'Bubble'. We will be encouraging social distancing within each 'Bubble' and ensure no mixing of 'Bubbles' during the school day through staggered breaks and lunches.
- Putting in place rigorous cleaning and hygiene measures in place including regular thorough cleaning of classrooms and resources. We will also promote personal hygiene through promoting regular hand washing and good management of sneezes and coughs.

We have put in place procedures to ensure a safe start and finish of the school day. We would ask parents to follow these procedures:

The first day back for your child will be: Monday 1st June:

- Drop off time for Year Foundation will be: 8.45am and pick up at 2.45pm from the gate they always arrive at
- Drop of for Year 6 will be: 9:00 am; pick up time will be: 3:00 pm from the bottom gate.
- It is essential that your child arrives within this time slot.
- One parent/carer to escort a child to or from school
- Parents not gather at school gate or on the playground, keep 2m away from other parents

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Children attending must:

- Wear named school uniform as far as possible with trainers if school shoes no longer fit.
- Will be informed which days they can come to school in PE kit
- Bring a water bottle clearly named
- All children are welcome to bring a snack in a named box which can be stored
- Children in Foundation/Reception class will receive a packed lunch
- Children in Year 6 will need to bring a packed lunch in a named lunch box
- Please **Do Not** bring PE kit or any bags, book bags, toys, pencil cases etc. (only bring coats if necessary)
- Not bring scooters or bikes for the time being, there will be no storage facility until further notice
- Not bring mobile phones for the time being

Each morning staff will be at the gates to answer any questions or concerns. We ask you please to maintain social distancing when speaking to them. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the school office.

Please remember that you must not drive up or park in Devon Road.

We look forward to seeing those who have booked their place on Monday.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Armstrong". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Helen" and last name "Armstrong" clearly distinguishable.

Helen Armstrong
Headteacher