



# *St Mary's Catholic Primary School*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Questionnaires**

Thank you to all who have taken the time out of incredibly busy, stressful days to answer the questionnaire on home learning that we sent.

As teachers, we are extremely impressed by what we're seeing come from home on Google Classroom. You're doing an amazing job even if you don't think you are!

We know this is not easy for you and so we wanted to check if the online learning provision was working for you. We received responses from all year groups and have discussed them as a staff. The vast majority of parents and carers were happy with Google Classroom or Tapestry (EYFS only) as online learning platforms. We know that they took some getting used to but engagement is very high and the majority of responses felt that there was enough work set.

We asked if you wanted to have work emailed but most parents and carers did not want the emails and felt the current system of using the children's home learning journals was sufficient.

The use of MarvellousMe was not so clear cut and some parents and carers felt that this was not an effective means of communication. MarvellousMe has not been as effective in this situation as we hoped.

Some parents and carers did not like the use of Maths No Problem. However, some have told us that this has become easier as they have become more familiar with the use of this style of maths teaching.

## **Next steps:**

- Consider simplifying the format of Google Classroom in some year groups.
- Lay out the school's expectation of work and share it so that parents and carers do not feel they have to complete every piece of work on Google Classroom
- Review use of Google Classroom and MarvellousMe and share findings with parents and carers
- Explore the use of online platforms to enable a weekly class/teacher face to face. However, as much as the staff have been keen on this, there have been significant safeguarding or legal issues around the platforms examined so far.

Responses by Year Group	
Year Group	% of responses
EYFS	16
1	12
2	12
3	4
4	24
5	16
6	16

Question	Yes	No
Do Google Classroom or Tapestry work?	91%	9%
Is enough work set?	87%	13%
Would you prefer work by email?	13%	87%
Is MarvellousMe effective?	70%	30%
IS MNP useful?	85%	15%

Yours faithfully,

*S Thomas*

Mr Thomas

Deputy Headteacher