



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

*Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth*

20th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Year 1 Children

Thank you for responding to our survey last week indicating your child's attendance at school from the 1st June. Following Government advice released on Thursday 14th May and confirmation by our Trust (Plymouth CAST) today, sadly, we will not be able to accommodate Year 1 pupils in the first phase of opening schools further from 1st June.

Government guidelines stipulate that classes should be halved into groups of less than 15 children. To implement this and ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and adults, we cannot accommodate all eligible children (Reception, Year 1, Key Worker / Vulnerable children and Year 6). Consequently, in the first phase of opening schools further we will only be inviting children from Reception, Year 6 and Key Worker / Vulnerable children.

Please be aware that all arrangements are subject to change due to the current situation.

I am sorry that we have had to make this decision and that your child will not initially be invited back to school. I am looking forward to inviting all our children back to school when the situation improves and we can ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued support for the school.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong
Headteacher