



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

*Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth*

20th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

As stated in the letter sent to all parents Plymouth CAST will only consider the opening of its schools once invited to do so by the Government on or after the 1st June, 2020, and once the Government's 5 tests for moving to the next phase have been satisfied.

If this goes ahead we are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school. Over the last 2 weeks we have put in place measures to ensure the safety and well-being of children, parents and staff.

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 6 will be: **9:00 am**; pick up time will be: **3:00pm**. It is essential that your child arrives within this time slot. There will be no Breakfast Club or After School Club for now
- One parent to escort a child to or from school
- Parents not gather at school gate or on the playground, keep 2m away from other parents
- Children to arrive through the bottom gate in the morning where they will be met by an adult who will escort them to their base.
- At the end of the day parents to collect from the same gate.

Children attending must:

- Wear named school uniform as far as possible with trainers
- Wear freshly laundered clothes each day
- Bring a water bottle clearly named
- Not bring PE kit or any bags, book bags, toys, pencil cases etc. (only bring coats if necessary)

- Packed lunches must be in a named lunch box. There will not be any hot school meal provision for the time being
- Not bring scooters or bikes for the time being
- 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.

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

We look forward to seeing you on 1st June 2020.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Armstrong". The script is cursive and fluid.

Helen Armstrong
Headteacher