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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus update – National Lockdown January 2021

The UK COVID-19 Alert Level has moved from Level 4 to Level 5. This means that the Coronavirus cases are rising rapidly across the country. Government instruction is that **you must stay at home**. The single most important action we can all take is to stay home to protect the NHS and save lives.

Due to the new variant, which is thought to spread 50-70% faster than previously, if children can stay at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading and to reduce risk to the most vulnerable in our society, whilst also protecting staff and children in our community.

St Mary's will continue to remain open for the most vulnerable and children whose parents are **critical** to the COVID-19 response and **cannot** be safely cared for at home. **We cannot emphasise enough the importance of following government instruction on ensuring everyone stays at home.**

If your child has been accepted into keyworker care, you will receive a separate email informing you of this and you will be expected to provide proof of keyworker status that is critical to the COVID19 response. If you do not receive an email, we are unable to offer a place.

From Wednesday your child's class teacher will provide remote education on google classroom. This will be a steady flow of blended remote learning where children have activities to do either with the assistance of an adult supervising them at home or independently depending on their age and ability.

There will be a daily video explaining the tasks for the day and video instruction lessons where appropriate that outline any strategies and methods to be used and demonstration lessons of modelled writing etc. There is an expectation that all children will access google classroom and complete the activities in some form.

'We enjoy learning and achieving in a Christian environment'



Children will have timetabled opportunities to meet virtually with the class teacher and classmates during the course of the national lockdown and this information will be clearly communicated through their google classroom stream. During this time, if you are in need of printed resources, please contact the office who will liaise with you to pick up of any printed sheets that may be used in the remote learning. Exercise books will be provided for this learning and you will be notified, via the office, when you are able to collect them if your child is not attending the provision in school.

Please note that the provision in school will be based on the remote learning offer blended with the Diamonds service which you are able to access should you wish.

Outline of timings for provision in school

8.00 am – 9.30am	Access to Diamonds provision – paid service
9.30 – 1.00	Key worker Care with snack breaks
1.00 – 2.15	Lunch – middays supervising
2.15 – 5.15	Access to Diamonds provision – paid service

All staff will be linked to key worker care on a daily basis and focus on planning, preparation and monitoring of the remote learning in the afternoon period. This is to ensure that all children have daily access to remote learning materials.

If you need your child to come to Diamonds, please register online through the school website in the usual way if you have not already done so.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding,
With very best wishes,

Mrs S M Hall
Head Teacher

