



SCHOOL UPDATES & REMINDERS

COVID-19 UPDATES:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Over the past week, there have been significant updates – both nationally and locally – regarding the rules and advice we are all being asked to adhere to in the continuing fight against the spread of COVID-19. I empathise entirely that it is a real challenge to keep up with the constantly evolving information regarding what to 'do' and 'not do', and trust that you will all continue to make the best decisions, in line with Government, Council and school guidance, with regards the health and well-being of your child and family – which is of course in the interests of all members of our school community.

We have had a number of queries over the past week regarding when a child must be kept off school. I have attached a useful visual guide produced for parents in order to help navigate potential tricky decisions. I would ask that you please share this with all key adults in your child's life – especially if there is a shared care arrangement between more than one household where rules would apply equally.

Thank you once again for being so supportive, patient and co-operative at the start of this school year.

Have a restful weekend.

Yours in Faith,

Mr J Wheatley
Headteacher

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 22nd September. Due to present restrictions in school, children will only have an individual school photo at this time. There will be no sibling photos – either those at St Mary's or otherwise. We hope to have an opportunity to take sibling and class photos later in the year.

IMPORTANT – PARKING AROUND SCHOOL:

Thank you to all those who have taken into consideration the requests made regarding parking around school over the past weeks. One additional plea is that cars do not block pedestrian access on footpaths when parking as this has been reported as an issue by a number of concerned parents.

Thank you.

IMMUNISATION FORMS:

We are unable to accept any further immunisation forms in school as the date for submission has now passed.

REMINDER – CONTACT DETAILS:

We will not be sending data collection forms as normal this year. If there have been any changes to your own contact details (phone number, email address, address etc), or those of an important contact for your child, please email or phone the school office with the up-to-date information. If you are unsure whether you have supplied these details already, to be on the safe side, we would ask you to send them through again.

REMINDER – SECONDARY ADMISSIONS:

Letters regarding secondary admissions for September 2021 have been sent home with pupils in Y6 this week. The closing date for secondary admissions is **31st October 2020**.

REMINDER – PE:

Pupils should come to school on the day of their PE lessons in full PE kit, which for the upcoming term would comprise:

- A St Mary's PE t-shirt.
- A St Mary's school hoodie (or school sweatshirt/cardigan if your child does not have one).
- A sensible pair of tracksuit bottoms. Shorts may be worn if the weather permits.
- A pair of trainers.

It is very important that pupils are dressed appropriately for a school day, so sports attire should be plain and smart, and in-keeping with our school uniform expectations.

Pupils must still bring a coat in to school in case of poor weather (hoodies are not to be worn in place of coats).

Classes will have PE on the following days:

DAY	CLASS(ES)
Monday	Year 6
Tuesday	Year 5
Wednesday	Year 4
Thursday	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3
Friday	Reception