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Dear Parents

Thank you for emailing us letting us know that your child/ren are either unwell or in isolation, instead of phoning the school. We have read all your emails and will try to acknowledge them all as soon as we can. Please bear with us.

If or when the school closes, we will provide home learning as stated in the recent communication sent out. However, from next Monday, we will be providing additional support for those children currently in isolation.

Regarding home learning, St Mary's has taken a conscious decision not to provide a home learning platform the way some schools have. We would like to share with you our rationale for this:

- As a school, our curriculum intent strives for creative, experiential and practical learning
- During periods of time off school, children are more likely to have screen time as part of their leisure activities; by proving learning through this medium it will increase screen time beyond the advisory guidance
- A reliance upon digital technology alone can be fraught with technical difficulties that are very challenging to resolve remotely

Instead, each week a timetable of learning will be posted on our school website: <https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/home-learning>. By creating a timetable, it will assist families in keeping a structure and discipline to learning. Accompanying this will be a parent guide on how to support and review learning. The children will have an exercise book to take home, for all their recording. When we return to school, we will take in these books and commend pupils where their work has maintained the same standards of excellence as their school work. For those already in isolation, we will provide details of how you can collect the exercise book shortly.

For those who are unable to access resources through our website, or do not have a screen for the children to use please let us know.

Thank you to those of you who have arrived in school this morning armed with soap, anti bac and lovely words. This means an awful lot to everyone so thank you.

School run clubs will continue for the time being. Richmond Music Trust are emailing parents directly if their teachers cannot attend. We are currently scrutinising the school diary for the next three weeks and will let you know if anything else is cancelled.

Please see our communication of earlier today regarding key workers and respond immediately, thank you.

Best wishes

Angela Abrahams
Headteacher