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Dear Parents,

Firstly, my heartfelt thanks for your generous donations of food to our staff team, even this week shopping was delivered to the junior site. With a more flexible timetable, staff can now shop for themselves, but you really did get some out of a tricky situation last week.

I hope you are all well, managing to work from home where possible and keeping safe. It's been a strange week here at St Mary's; with a small number of Key Worker children in School, we have been attempting to keep some form of normality going, but we are missing you all.

We've had some lovely feedback from parents about the Home Learning provided for this week, here are a few updates going forward:

- Children in different year groups may have different timetables; this is generally because the amount of time taken to complete tasks differs substantially across the age ranges. It is fine to 'go with the flow', swapping and changing according to your child's needs and your sanity!
- Some children, using a range of devices, are experiencing issues when clicking on hyperlinks. We suggest copying the whole address into the browser and it should work from there.
- The Home Learning for next week will be available on the website from Monday morning.
- We have had a number of queries about more work. This is particularly for those who are speedier at getting through the timetable than others. **Please don't email in with queries about this, remember we are in the infancy of this crisis and doing our best, instead use this link from our website to provide your child with more learning:**
<https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Resource-Links.pdf>
 - *Thank you for your emails to the office and to teachers, unfortunately we aren't able to respond to every email.*

The hits to our website show a dramatic increase in activity, proof that our pupils are busy working away, thank you - we know it's a big shift of focus for you.

You will have received emailed messages today from the teachers to your child. These will take the place of our usual weekly emails to you about learning and will hopefully provide them with reassurance that we are still here and still very much holding them in mind.

A message to them now from me:

*You are a St Mary's pupil through and through, I see it in the way you behave and in the work that you do,
At this unusual time, I need you to show our School values the most, by studying hard, helping at home and perhaps cooking some toast!
Get up in the morning, put a smile on your face, hug those in your household, then get out that school case,
Remember our motto 'Conemur' that is true, at St Mary's we strive together and because of it come through.*

Yours sincerely,

Angela Abrahams
Headteacher