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Friday 24th April 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to the 253 who responded to our survey this week. We are very grateful for your positive feedback about our first three weeks in these strange times; it is hard to believe that is all it is, as it feels much longer, for us all!

Here are the responses.

1. I am satisfied with St Mary's provision of Home Learning during the school's closure?

Agree: 48.4%
Strongly agree: 39.2%
Disagree: 11.2%
Strongly disagree: 1.2%

2. How regularly has your child been completing their Home Learning?

Regularly: 92%
Infrequently: 8%
Never:
0%

3. Are you working from home during this period of closure?

Yes: 80%
No: 20%

4. Would you like the school to increase the workload for your child so that the timetable eventually spans a normal school day?

Yes: 20.1%
No: 79.9%

5. Would you find a daily increase in Home Learning an additional stress during this period?

Yes: 73.1%
No: 26.9%

6. Suggest one thing that you think St Mary's could improve upon for Home Learning.

The responses to this section fell into several main areas:



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- The children would benefit from hearing from the class teachers
- Parents would like access to the teachers if they have a query
- Resourcing must be carefully considered as art and crafts aren't easily sourced
- Challenge for some learners could be more carefully considered
- Documents sent in Word format rather than PDF if possible
- Planning to ensure work can be accessed independently
- Provide afternoon activities that can be independently accessed if parents want the children to do more

In response to the incredible reaction to our filmed message to the children and the result of the survey, St Mary's is investigating ways to enable visual contact with teachers, using a secure platform to meet our safeguarding obligations. This will take some time to organise so please bear with us as we take advice from a variety of sources.

Other measures taken to improve provision includes:

- Planning will be provided in Word format where possible and will clearly state the learning intention
- We will be looking into ways that parents can contact teachers if they have urgent queries
- where possible the work will be planned to be carried out by the children independently.
- Links to additional videos to assist parents will be provided where they are available.
- Resources will be carefully considered.
- Suggestions about afternoon activities will be made for those who require extra work.
- Home Learning will be uploaded to the school website by Friday midnight to allow parents and children the weekend to review should they wish.

Another matter raised was that some children are already nearing the end of their Home Learning book. I wonder if we can ask that you source an exercise book yourselves, it would be a logistical nightmare if we were to order them, arrange collection and wouldn't be in the spirit of social distancing.

Google Classroom was suggested by very few parents. We had to balance this request out with the numbers who said technology is not only variable, but also those with multiple children couldn't possibly have them all working on a device at once. So, although we won't be proceeding with Google Classroom, we hope changes we make serve to meet everyone's needs.

I hope in making the changes, you recognise we have heard and acted upon your suggestions. In these unprecedented times we are all finding our way and doing the very best that we can.



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A message from Father Piotr

Do join us on our online/Zoom services for children (6-8 years) and young people (9-13). The St Mary's Church webpage provides dates and times: <https://www.stmarytwick.org.uk/services>

On 26th April we have Virtual Sunday School: <https://www.stmarytwick.org.uk/virtual-sunday-school>.

May I take this opportunity and send my best wishes to lovely children, parents, amazing teachers and wonderful staff from our school. You are all in my prayers and I miss you very much!

A message from M-Tech

On Monday, we are launching an online resource called Team Tutti. We hope it will be helpful to you;
all children can participate and there's no cost at all.

For more information or to discuss any aspect of Team Tutti contact Chris Pietrek at M:Tech:
chris@mtechonline.co.uk / 07900 242824

Finally, if you haven't yet seen Reception playground on Twitter do have a look - it's fabulous and we just need the children here to make it complete: <https://twitter.com/@twickstmarys>

Let's hope the sun continues to shine over the weekend, enjoy it.

Did you know NHS backwards is SHN and reminds us to *Stay Home Now!*

Best wishes,

Angela Abrahams
Headteacher

