

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NORTHAMPTON



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Dear Parents,

Parent Update

I hope this update letter finds you well, staying home and staying safe, where possible.

This week we were delighted to receive some laptops from the DFE, to support families with remote learning. So we will be able to start issuing these shortly to specific families on a need basis.



A message from Miss Marum

I am delighted to be joining the team at St Mary's Catholic Primary School this term, as Executive Assistant Headteacher. I am really looking forward to meeting all of the children and all the families once we are allowed to fully reopen.



Remote Learning Engagement:

By now, you should have received a call from your class teacher. General feedback on our remote learning offer has been overwhelmingly positive so far. As the weeks progress, this will evolve further.

Research into the effectiveness of remote education tells us:

- Teaching quality is more important than how lessons are delivered.
- Ensuring access to technology is key, particularly for disadvantaged pupils.
- Peer interactions can provide motivation and improve learning outcomes.
- Supporting pupils to work independently can improve learning outcomes.
- Different approaches to remote learning suit different types of content and pupils.

Our next step is to support more peer/ teacher interaction. We are currently putting in place our capacity to deliver live lessons, which will be via TEAMS. Further information and guides will be sent out over the coming weeks as this system is finalised for our use.

I acknowledge that for some home-schooling can cause challenges. If you need support in understanding what to prioritise or how to find a suitable balance with education and work, please

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do not hesitate to get in touch with us, Miss Gashi, our Family Support Worker, is also available to assist.

School Mission Statement Consultation

This week you will have received a copy of our consultation. Your views are important to us. Please do send your response back, either by email or by paper return. A drop box will be available on the gate at the start and end of the day.

First Holy Communion 2021

First Holy Communion 2021 - for the parishes of Our Lady's, Sacred Heart and St Gregory's. Registration for this year will open soon. If you have a child who wishes to make their First Holy Communion and they are in school years 3-6, please contact Stella Watts swatts49@outlook.com who will then email the forms and information to you. Information about our programme and timings will be provided so that you can then decide whether or not you wish to proceed.

Geography Family Fun



Please do keep checking the website for updates. In the Remote learning 2021- Additional Resources section, you will find extra fun things to do and think about. Over the weekend, why not try the Geography "Guess the place" game?

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable weekend,

Kind Regards

Mrs K. Yuen

Executive Headteacher