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RE: Whole School Weekly Update

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Dear Parents

We hope you are all well and are keeping safe and staying alert. These strange times continue with perhaps some light at the end of the tunnel. But who knows! These last few weeks have been a time of change, change and change again for all of us as we wait to see what the path back to some kind of normality looks like.

This week was our first week of welcoming more children back and we are now providing 3 distinct types of education. Firstly; for most of our children who remain at home the home learning packs will continue to be uploaded in time for the start of the new week, teachers will still be phoning some of you on Fridays to keep in touch. Secondly for the year groups which are allowed back, these children are in smaller bubbles across the school some with their teachers and some with other staff. And thirdly children (those of Key Worker parents) who continue to attend our Key Worker Child Care Club. Each day more and more parents are asking for children to come back. Please contact the office if you are a Key Worker or the Parent of a vulnerable child or your child is in nursery, reception, Y1 or Y6 and you want them to return to school and have a look at the ideas below.

We are looking at how we can align these 3 groups so that we can try our best to level the field. In school children in classes are accessing the home learning packs and we are looking into ways of ensuring the increasing numbers of Key Worker children can too. We know that some of you struggle with home learning and we recommend you have a look at the Oak National Academy resources:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year/>

From Monday our kitchen starts cooking hot meals again and from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May all children in school will have a cooked meal and packed lunches will not need to be brought in. Key Worker parents can start booking those meals (from 22<sup>nd</sup>) on Parent Pay. They are free for infant children.

I can now let you know the staffing for next academic year. Classes are still being organised and I will let you know when I have the information.

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Mrs O'Halloran will be our new nursery teacher from September working with Mrs Myers. Our reception team remains the same with Miss Dawson and Mrs Wilson and Miss Lloyd and Mrs Wakelin. Miss Chalmers moves to Y1 with Miss Green and Mr Conway, who has recently re-joined us, will be working with Mr Thompson in the other Y1 class. Our final infant classes in Y2 will be taken by Miss Robinson and Mrs Millett supported by Mrs Bentley, Mrs Qaiser and Mrs O'Halloran.

We welcome Miss Cabble to our school and she will be one of the Y3 teachers alongside Mr G Lawlor. They will be supported by Mrs Reese and, we hope another new member of staff too. Our Y4 team remains as it is now with Miss Murphy and Miss Sola supported by Mrs Macwan. Miss Groarke stays in Y5 and is joined by Mr S Lawlor their teaching assistant will be Mrs Nunn.

Miss Scott and Mr Smyth remain in Y6 supported by Miss Ammah. The school's SLT team remains Mrs Formby, Mr Cobbold and Mr Marsh. We work very closely together sharing all decision so you are okay in speaking to anyone of us.

Our superb Admin team remains Mrs Gardner and Mrs Whyms supported by Mr Pipola.

Thank you for your continued support.

St Mary: Pray for us!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'T. Arley' followed by a stylized flourish.

Head Teacher

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## **Top Tips for Parents for your child returning to school**

Although you have made the decision to send your child back to school, both you and your child may have some worries about this. In order to support your child's return, the following might be helpful. Some children will be looking forward to this, others will have enjoyed their time at home and will not be keen to return. Although we have all been forced to have some time away from school, school is important for children. Reasons include the fact that it provides:



- ❖ A routine and structure to your child's week
- ❖ Opportunities to practise and learn social skills and to build and maintain friendships
- ❖ Sociable learning-children get the opportunity to learn alongside and from other children their age and discuss work in groups
- ❖ Opportunities to learn in varied ways

### **You can start to get your child back in to a school routine by:**

- Ensuring they go to bed on time now and waking them at the time they usually wake for school, encouraging them to get as much sleep as possible
- Starting a conversation about how they are feeling about going to school
- Explaining to them that school will be organised in a different way. Share information about how school will be different, at a level that they understand, for example, explain that they may be in a different classroom, school timings may be at different
- Explaining which things will be the same
- Discussing the things they are looking forward to as well as any worries or things they are not looking forward to. Try to get them to think of at least one positive
- Focussing on the positive reasons why you are sending them to school
- If you are worried about school return, try to manage your worries so that you do not pass them on to your child
- There will be some children who do not return to school- explain to your child that every family is different, and some families may not be sending their child to school for specific health reasons related to them or a family member. That does not mean that your child should not return to school. We must respect other people's decisions while making the best decision for our family
- Asking your child to think about one thing they have enjoyed doing over the past few weeks in case they are asked to talk about it in school
- The night before they return, plan to spend some time with them before bedtime doing an enjoyable calming activity together or looking at a favourite book together.

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