



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Welcome back

I hope that you and your families had a nice Easter break. It was lovely to welcome so many of the children back into school today, looking smart in their summer uniforms. Please ensure that the children are wearing brown or black shoes, as trainers or opened toe sandals are not permitted.

Thank you to those who stayed to support the Easter fundraising event on the last date of term, it was a hive of activity. We appreciate all the donations provided by you and to FOSM for organising the event – I am sure we will hear soon how much money was raised. We hope to be able to hold more events to bring our community together and raise much needed funds for our children.

## Work during the Easter Holidays

You will notice that our gates and intercom system have been installed over the Easter holidays, the main electronic gates will automatically be opened before and after school (3.10pm) for you to enter the school site. We ask that you are patient and wait for the gates to unlock in the afternoon, and refrain from using the intercom, as they are set on a timer. If you require to visit us during the school day, you may enter the site from either the pedestrian gate from the Cookham Road or Brookdene Close, the office staff will let you in via the intercom system next to the gates. Thank you to Mr Paxton and Mrs Brown for all their hard work in overseeing this.

## Illness

If your child is unwell, please keep them off school until they are fit and well enough to return to school, this includes if they have a temperature. For sickness and diarrhoea, children must remain off school for 48 hours from the last time they had symptoms. If your child tests positive for Covid-19, they must self-isolate for 3 days and remain at home until the fever has gone and they are well enough to return to school.

## Communication

We are currently looking at ways of improving our methods of communication. As you can appreciate the teachers are busy preparing and welcoming our children into school day in the morning. Unless it is urgent, if you require to speak with a member of staff, please contact the school office via email [office@stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk) outlining the reason you are making contact. This will enable us to ensure that you are directed to the appropriate member of staff; so they are fully informed of the nature of your communication prior to speaking with you.

Kind regards

*Rosie Akehurst*

Mrs. Rosie Akehurst

Headteacher