



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
Headteacher	All	Carol Scanlon

Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to introduce myself formally as your new Headteacher of St Mary's.

Thank you so much for your very warm welcome and good wishes, as well as for your understanding and patience for everything that has happened to us all as a community in this first week. It certainly was not the beginning to the new term that I had expected, or planned as your new Head, but I am very grateful for your continued support as we have faced these challenging times together.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hills for her hard work throughout the last year as Acting Headteacher, especially in such 'unprecedented' and difficult times. Her dedication and commitment to the school and community of St Mary's is exceptional and I am delighted that she has decided to stay with the school in Terms 3 and 4 as our Acting Assistant Headteacher.

I would also like to thank the Governing Board, all of the staff team and Father Dominic for their support as I have joined St Mary's this term. Their enthusiasm, kindness and helpfulness, has really enabled me to feel very welcomed and very much part of the school team and community; for which I am extremely grateful.

I am looking forward to getting to know the school and you all well over the coming months. I had planned to be at the school gates to greet everyone in person this term, although due to the current restrictions I do understand that it is not possible for many of you to meet with me in this way at the moment. Therefore, do please feel free to contact me at school if you would like to speak to me, especially if you have any questions or queries that may need my attention.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you again for your continued support.

Best wishes to you all

Mrs Carol Scanlon  
Headteacher

What to do if you suspect your child or someone in your household has the coronavirus	All	School Office
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**If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible.**

**Stay at home until you get the result.**

## Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

## What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- **Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.**
- **You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.**
- **Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.**

For more information and support in getting a test, please click on the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

<b>Prime Minister's Address to the Nation</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Liz Hills</b>
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To access a copy of the Prime Minister's address to the nation on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, please click on the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/prime-ministers-address-to-the-nation-4-january-2021>

The message was clear:



**We ask all members of our school community to do all they can to follow this message whenever they can to ensure we work together to keep our community as safe as we can at this difficult time.**

<b>Remote Learning</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Liz Hills</b>
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Thank you for the patience shown by all our families trying to manage remote learning with their children at home this week. I know what an incredibly difficult challenge this is and that it presents a vast range of difficulties for all our families staying at home.

The staff have been working hard this week to consider the complexities remote learning presents to our families and to find solutions that are manageable for children, parents/carers and staff as we move forward.

I will be working with the teaching staff early next week to agree ways in which we can try to strengthen our remote learning provision across the school. The Government have provided schools with a very high set of expectations, both for school staff and parents/carers trying to manage at home. Staff will be considering the Government guidance carefully and will strive to ensure we work hard to achieve what is best for our community as a whole, taking into account different families' needs. I hope that, despite the frustrations we know many of you feel in this extremely challenging situation, you will trust the St Mary's staff to do our best to support everyone to the best of our abilities. Working in partnership together with you to support your children's education is the way forward. Further information will be given next week but, in the meantime, please can we ask you to simply do your best, whatever that may be.

<b>Milk and Fruit</b>	<b>KS1 In school provision and Cool Milk subscribers</b>	<b>Office</b>
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### Message from Cool Milk

*In light of the recent government announcement, **the Cool Milk deliveries have been cancelled this week and no future orders will be generated until further notice.***

*Our system will be updated and any paying parents (if applicable) will be automatically credited for this period. This credit will show on any future pre-payment requests.  
Based on the information provided by the government, these measures are set to be reviewed again in readiness for the February half term.*

#### **Fruit deliveries**

The suppliers of the fruit for Key Stage 1 have also been suspended deliveries until further notice. We recommend that children bring in a healthy snack for the morning break, a piece a fruit, begertable or raisins, please no nuts.

<b>Admissions deadline for Reception class in September 2021</b>	<b>Pre-school</b>	<b>Office</b>
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The deadline for apply for reception class places for September 2021 is 15 January 2021. If you have a child that is due to start school in September please ensure you apply on line **by next Friday**. Do not miss the deadline.

Please check out the links below if you have yet to apply for a place for your child at school.

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/apply/apply/>

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/media/14619/apply-for-a-school-2020-21.pdf>

<b>Local Road Works and Closures</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Office</b>
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We are making you aware of this in case it will affect those travelling to and from school.

#### **Message from SGN – Notification of gas network upgrade in Luxford Lane, Crowborough**

I'm writing to make you aware of our forthcoming project to upgrade our gas network in Luxford Lane, Crowborough. Our project involves the essential replacement of old metal gas mains with new plastic pipe. Our contractor, DJ Utilities will undertake this work on our behalf.

This safety-critical project needs to go ahead, rather than wait until the coronavirus pandemic passes, to ensure your local community continues to receive a safe and reliable gas supply.

In consultation with East Sussex County Council, we'll start our project on Monday 11 January and expect to last approximately 10 weeks. We'll complete the work in two phases as follows;

##### **Phase one – lasting approximately 6 weeks**

Our engineers will be working on Luxford Lane from the junction with Blackness Road and progressing south toward the junction with Luxford Road. For everyone's safety, we'll install temporary multi-way traffic lights around our work area.

##### **Phase two – lasting approximately 4 weeks**

On Monday 15 February, we'll need to close Luxford Lane from the southern entrance to Herne Road to the junction with Luxford Road. A signed diversion will be in place via Blackness Road and Luxford Road. Residents' access will be maintained.

We have further network upgrades to complete in Luxford Road. We are in consultation with East Sussex County Council to plan this work in. We'll provide details of our plans once confirmed.

We're working closely with the UK Government and public health bodies to make sure we work in line with expert advice during the pandemic. We have extra safety precautions in place to protect our colleagues and our communities from catching or spreading the virus as we carry out our safety-critical project. There's more information about our coronavirus response on our website: [sgn.co.uk/coronavirus](http://sgn.co.uk/coronavirus)

<b>Change of Menu on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>In school Provision</b>	<b>Office</b>
<p>Sorry for the short notice but there is change of Menu on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p>Chartwells are running a reduced menu of only one main hot meal choice or a jacket potato with the variety of fillings.</p> <p>We are in Week 3 of the menu - On Monday, instead of the main choice of Chinese Veggie Noodles the kitchen will serve the alternative choice of Vegetable Supreme Pizza with Dough Balls.</p>		