



St Mary Magdalene C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Miss S Robinson

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Dear Parents & Carers

Re: Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you to those of you who have been in touch regarding provision from 8th June. I know that many of you are concerned about home provision and the impact of continued closures. I'd like to apologise once again to those of you whose children cannot yet come back to school. We are following government advice and safety is our first priority. I realise that giving provision to some and not others raises feelings of inequity and injustice. Please be reassured that we will do everything in our power to support those children who are still learning from home. Below are some commonly asked questions and answers which I hope you find helpful. If you have a question that isn't answered here, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

How will home schooling provision change from 8th June?

Not very much! As throughout the closure, work will still be set by the class teacher each week and home school provision will match the work set in school. This will be uploaded daily as it has been. Parents and pupils will still be able to access support via Microsoft Teams four times per day (9-9.30am, 11-11.30am, 1-1.30pm & 3-3.30pm). As has been the case previously, it may not always be the teacher that replies; this may be a teaching assistant. The format of the learning may look different to previous weeks but the content will be the same as children in school are receiving.

Will my child be studying the same curriculum as those who have a place in school?

Yes! Our curriculum has been reviewed in light of the pandemic and throughout the Summer Term, we will be acutely addressing the concepts that may arise as a result of COVID19 through daily P4C sessions, for example loneliness, worry and loss. Other learning will focus on securing basic English and Maths skills required for children to move up to the next year group in September. Alongside this, PE will be emphasised as this is proven to be beneficial for both physical and mental health. As ever, there will be a focus on Christian values and ethos through continued RE and classroom based collective worship. A curriculum booklet which sets out our summer term curriculum will follow next week.

I am a critical worker - why can't my child access provision at school?

We sent out a whole school survey on May 15th to ask which critical workers would require provision when school reopened. We have given places to every family who requested it at this time.

How is the transition for secondary school being managed for Y6?

Mrs Turner has some transition work planned for Y6 throughout the summer term called 'Ready4Secondary' and we will arrange for all pupil information to be shared as necessary as we



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normally would. Transition is usually led by the secondary schools and you as parents are often given more information on this than we are. I have contacted the local secondaries regarding transition details and am still awaiting replies from some. I will write separately to Y6 parents when I know more. From the information I have received so far, it seems unlikely that physical transition visits will be possible, however the schools are working hard to put a package in place to support pupils as best they can. Mrs Turner is in direct contact with the secondary SENCOs regarding individual needs. If you wish to contact them directly, the following email addresses may be helpful:

christopher.hunter@ashfield.notts.sch.uk

sbrown@quarrydale.notts.sch.uk

academy.office@suttonacademy.attrust.org.uk

What provisions are being made for children with special educational needs?

As ever, Mrs Turner is working hard to ensure that children with special educational needs have access to the support they need. For example, she has attended virtual Springboard meetings to seek advice and funding, completed referrals and secured EHC plans during the school closure. She has also provided a wealth of information for parents on our school website:

<https://www.stmarymagdaleneprimary.co.uk/special-educational-needs-send/>

Mrs Hovell is also leading a Wellbeing Page on Microsoft Teams and our staff are making weekly contact with those children who need a higher level of support. All teachers are differentiating work for their children's appropriate next steps. If you are still concerned about this, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Turner via the school office.

I know this must be an incredibly frustrating time – I'm sure that you are all keen to get back to some kind of normality. So are we, but we have to put health and safety at the top of our priorities at this time. Thank you once again for your continued support. If you have any questions, or would just like to speak to someone at school for reassurance, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Take care and stay safe.

Best Wishes

Miss Robinson

