



16th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

At the end of June every year, the nation usually comes together to mark Armed Forces Day, recognising and honouring those who serve, who have served and their families that support them. Every year there is a celebratory parade through Leicester City Centre and a service of thanksgiving at Leicester Cathedral.

Unfortunately, with the outbreak of Covid-19 and subsequent social distancing measures, Armed Forces Day on 27th June 2020 will now look a little different!

This year, The Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire, along with the City and County Council, are asking people to come together and show their support for the Armed Forces with the #SaluteOurForces campaign. Photos are being sent in of people across the City and County saluting, including Leicester City Football Club players and representatives from the National Space Centre and Bradgate Park – to name just a few!

We would love St Mary's to be involved in this campaign and to show our support for the Armed Forces, who do so much to protect us and have played a vital role in the response to coronavirus. We are challenging our pupils to send in a photo of themselves saluting so that we can put together a St Mary's montage to send to the Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire. This montage will then be included in the County's 'virtual parade' which you can view here;

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/leicestershirecc/albums/72157714485127562>

It would be great if you could take part, so please do take your photos and send them to the office by emailing office@stmarys.leics.sch.uk no later than Tuesday 23rd June 2020.

Here is a helpful picture to show you how to salute if you are unsure.

Yours sincerely

Mr Bond
Well-being Co-ordinator

