



29th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for the fantastic support that you have given us over the past couple of months. We really do feel thankful for all of your messages; it has made an incredibly difficult time a lot easier.

As many of you are aware, we are being updated by the Government regarding any developments during the pandemic relevant to schools, at the same time and in the same way that you are. The senior team and governors are still regularly adapting risk assessments when announcements are made that take into account the impact of these on our school, and ultimately our children.

Many of you have questions regarding arrangements for the summer holidays and for when the children return in the autumn term. Our position is the same as the vast majority of other schools in the country; we are still awaiting further guidance from the Government, until this is received, we cannot give our families any exact details.

However, I think it is only fair to inform you as I write this letter, that we do not currently plan to open the school over the summer break. Many staff have worked throughout the pandemic, with the exception of the Easter holiday and to ensure the health and wellbeing of the staff in the long term, we intend to close as planned on Friday 10th July to all children, including those of key workers. The Government have confirmed that there is no expectation for schools to remain open.

The Prime Minister has pledged that all schools will reopen fully after the summer. Without some significant changes to the current guidelines, I am not sure how this will be possible. Again, we are still awaiting further guidance from the government. My understanding is that this is due out on Friday. Once this is released we will plan accordingly for the safe return of **all** of our children.

School Uniform in September

After the summer break, whatever reopening looks like, we will be expecting all children to return to school in **full** St. Mary's uniform. Please see below for a reminder of our school uniform.

The St. Mary's C of E Primary School Uniform is available to purchase from:

- Swifts Uniforms at Mistral House, Parsons Lane, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 1XT or online <https://swiftsonline.co.uk/>
- Hole in the Wall at 11 Lower Bond Street, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 1QT
[Hole in the Wall video](#)

End of Term

We have a number of children's possessions in school as well as their books and work from this academic year. As we need to continue to minimise the number of people on the school site we will hand all of these items to your child's new class teacher to come home in September. We will make separate arrangements for Year Six children who are not in school to collect their belongings.

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Please be reassured that that when pupils *are* back in school, we will continue to focus on a careful, sympathetic and positive approach to supporting them back into school routines. We are all very aware that child mental health is of key importance in our children's development and this will continue to be a priority.

If you have any questions, you can call school or email office@stmarys.leics.sch.uk. We are always happy to help.

Yours sincerely



Mrs R Ayres
Head Teacher



Girls

- Purple Cardigan/Jumper/Fleece. White or lemon polo shirt. Grey/black skirt or trousers. Grey/black/white socks or grey/black tights.

Boys

- Purple Jumper/Fleece. White or lemon polo shirt. Grey/black trousers.



- Girls may wear a yellow/white or purple/white checked summer dress in the summer months.
- Boys may wear grey/black shorts in the summer months.

Please name all items, including shoes and coats, to ensure lost items can be identified and quickly returned to their owner!

Footwear

Children should wear black **shoes** for school or boots in the winter. They should not wear heeled shoes, 'Ugg' style boots or trainers for school. (If in doubt please speak to the Headteacher before purchasing footwear.)



PE Uniform:

PE kits are essential and should be named and stored in a named PE Bag. A school PE bag can be purchased from our uniform suppliers.

- Purple logo PE shirt (or plain purple T-Shirt)
- Black shorts
- Black pumps
- Black tracksuit bottoms for cold days



Jewellery

For safety reasons children should not wear jewellery in school. Wristwatches and stud earrings are the only items permitted. These must be removed for all PE, games and swimming lessons. With stud earrings children must be able to take them out and put them back themselves. If this is not possible then they must be removed before the child comes to school. Children's ears should not be pierced during term times, as children must be able to remove their studs for games and PE lessons.

Book Bags

A book bag can be purchased directly from the school. Payment will need to be made via ParentPay. A book bag is very useful for carrying books, homework and other home-school communication items.

Other Information

Hair accessories should be kept to a minimum, extravagant fashion items are not permitted.

Please ensure that hair is an appropriate colour/style for school.

Make up and nail varnish are not permitted.

Health and Safety

For health and safety reasons, long hair should always be tied back for PE.

The school reserves the right to require pupils to change any items of clothing, headgear or footwear, which are considered unsuitable for school wear.