



11th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Keeping the St. Mary's community safe from the effects of COVID-19 is our top priority; to do this we need your help.

On Monday 4th January 2021, the Prime Minister announced that schools would once again close to all pupils except vulnerable children and the children of critical workers, **even at that time he asked parents and carers who are critical workers to keep their children at home if they can.**

Cases of COVID 19 are now rising at an alarming level and there is a real danger of the NHS around the country becoming overwhelmed. As a result of this, I would like to reduce the number of children of critical workers attending St. Mary's, as we have around 25% today compared to 5% in March 2020.

Therefore, I am urging you to use a school place only if you really need to. If your child attends for a full-week and you can reduce this to less, please do.

If you are at home then your child should be too.

Whilst I appreciate working from home is difficult with your child/ren being there, this is the safest place for them. Please telephone the school office to amend or cancel your child's school place at your earliest convenience.

In this way, we can keep our pupils, staff and community as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ayres
Head Teacher