

St Mary's Lewisham CE Primary School

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"St Mary's is a good school" - Ofsted July 2016

***Our Vision** - To be a learning community that promotes the unique gifts, wellbeing and potential of every person. Our work is founded on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, building on His message of equality, peace and justice, guided by His words 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34).*

Saturday 2nd January 2021

New Covid-19 Guidance – This replaces all previous communication

ST MARY'S SCHOOL CLOSED FROM MONDAY 4TH JANUARY – FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY **(children of critical workers and vulnerable children will be able to attend school)**

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are writing to inform you that on Friday 1st January, at 7PM, the Government Department for Education issued a statement confirming that all Primary Schools across London, including Lewisham, will be closed from Monday 4th January until at least Friday 15th January.

We appreciate that this is a last-minute decision, following speculation in the press and a period of great uncertainty, with messages from Government changing regularly. However, please rest assured that the staff and governors at St Mary's have been busy making plans for all eventualities and we will be ready to support our children and families with home learning, as we did during the initial lockdown.

Children of Critical Workers (Keyworkers) and Vulnerable Children

In line with Government guidance, children of critical workers and vulnerable children will be able to continue to attend school. If you are a critical worker **and there is nobody else who can safely look after your child**, please indicate on the survey below and contact the school office by **Monday 4th January**. You will be requested to complete an Information Form and include evidence that you are a Critical Worker – [please follow this link for a list of Critical Worker roles](#).

Parent Surveys

To support us in planning for the next 2 weeks, please can we ask all parents to complete a new Parent Survey by following this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XVGZDKW>.

Yours sincerely

Christine Bernard, Headteacher
Julia Pring, Chair of Governors