

# St Mary's Lewisham CE Primary School

**Headteacher: Ms Christine Bernard**

329 Lewisham High Street, London, SE13 6NX

Telephone: 020 8690 2613 Fax: 020 8690 6008

Email: [admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk)



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am pleased to be able to share with you that we have had a great start to the year, despite the challenging circumstances. Home Learning has been set in order for all children to enjoy a wide range of creative activities. Following a Risk Assessment Review, we have been able to welcome some of our children into school, these are the children of keyworkers and vulnerable children. I am very grateful to everyone in our staff team for all their hard work and positivity, which have enabled us to achieve so much in a short period of time.

## Home learning

We will continue to provide a combination of blended learning (paper and online). Home learning tasks are published on the school website – please follow this link and choose your child's class from the menu:

<https://st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk/home-learning.html>. In addition, Year 5 and Year 6 will have tasks set on Microsoft Teams. If you require a paper copy of the home learning, please ring the school office.

## Online learning

At St Mary's, we have been busy in developing our online learning offer:

- The Home Learning Packs already include many links to a wide variety of **websites, videos and interactive learning**
- Year 5 and Year 6 use **Microsoft Teams**, which enables the children to share their home learning with their teachers and receive feedback
- We will be using **Purple Mash** to deliver elements of our Home Learning, starting from next week for Years 1, 2, 3 and 4
- We are also exploring options to deliver **Live Online Teaching** sessions, where the class teacher will be able to teach either the whole class online or meet with smaller groups

## Keeping in touch

All students will continue to receive regular phone calls from their class teacher, to check on how you are and answer any queries related to the home learning. Please note that the call may be shown as an undisclosed or private number. In addition, if you require any support or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school by email at [admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk) or phone on 0208 6902613.

We appreciate that for some of our families this remains a challenging time. If you have any concerns, either financial or practical, about feeding your family, please get in touch with our School Home Support Worker, Marta Tildesley, by emailing or phoning the school.

At this time, our thoughts go out to all those in our community affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. We give thanks to all those working hard to combat the virus and continue to hope for better times to come, with the roll-out of the vaccinations offering us a ray of hope. As always, thank you for your working in partnership with us to make our school community as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely

Christine Bernard, Headteacher



St Mary's is an Excellent School

