YSGOL GYNRADD Y SANTES FAIR

ST MARY’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher/Pennaeth

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have just heard via the Local Authority that Kirsty Williams, Education Minister for Wales has announced that all schools in Wales will close by Friday 20th March.

As a school, we already have our 'Remote Home Learning Plan' in place to provide continuity of learning for all children. In conjunction with Mr Droog, the Chair of Governors, **we have made the decision that St Mary's will CLOSE on Friday 20th March at 3:15pm** until further notice is provided by Welsh Government.

Should parents wish to keep their child/ren home after today, we completely understand. However, by closing on Friday, we hope that it will give families a little more time to plan childcare and make arrangements with their own workplaces.

All children who are in school today will have received a resource pack to support their learning at home. If your child is absent from school, please arrange for someone to collect the resource pack from school. These will be available from the main reception office until Friday afternoon. After this, they may be collected from Cool Kids' Club. **(Please note:- Packs must be collected by someone who is NOT self- isolating due to CORONAVIRUS symptoms either themselves or a family member)**

Cool Kids' Club will remain OPEN until they are advised otherwise. Please contact Miss Mary Anna O'Connor (CK Coordinator) on 07985900660/661 should you wish to book your child into clubs- Opening times 7:30-6pm.

In her statement, Kirsty Williams stated:

"From next week, schools will have a new purpose. They will help support those most in need, including people involved in the immediate response to the coronavirus outbreak. I am working with my colleagues in the Cabinet, with government officials and our partners in local government to develop and finalise these plans."

As and when we receive information about what this may mean for us in St Mary's, parents and carers will be informed straight away.

Once again, I thank you all for your patience, support, prayers and understanding. We are in an unprecedented period and need to support each other as much as we can.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school and we will do our best to help you based on the information we have to date.

Yours faithfully,

Rachel

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