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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Staggered Easter Holidays arrangements for staff & children April 2020**

I hope you all are keeping well and continuing to stay safe at this difficult time.

As you may be aware, the Welsh Education Minister, Kirsty Williams requested that schools remain open over the Easter holidays in order to continue to provide childcare for keyworkers' children.

Since St Mary's closed to most children on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, all members of staff have been in work providing childcare on a rota basis. As Headteacher of St Mary's, I feel that it is only fair that all members of staff and children still have their two week Easter holiday, particularly in light of the current very unsettled and worrying times that we are all facing.

With this in mind, I have decided to stagger the usual Easter break over four weeks, allowing for each class and each member of staff to have a staggered two-week holiday, rather than the usual consecutive two week break.

Therefore, **during the weeks commencing 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April, Group 1 classes and staff will have their holidays and Group 2 classes and staff will continue to work on their remote learning plans.** Similarly, during the weeks commencing 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April, **Group 2 classes and staff will have their holidays and Group 1 classes and staff will continue to work on their remote learning plans.** *(Please see timetable attached for greater clarity.)*



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**Please note- Group 1 classes are:- Puffins, Parrots, Penguins, Alyn, Owls, Sparrows, Clywedog, Taff & Conwy (Holidays 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April)  
Group 2 classes are :- Wrens, Robins, Dovey, Gwenfro, Gwaun & Dyfrdwy (Holidays 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April)**

This means that all children and staff will have the chance to 'switch off' from school work and get the opportunity to have some quality 'family time', especially at this unprecedented time, albeit in two separate weeks.

Therefore, when your child and their teacher are on 'Easter holiday', no remote/ home learning will be expected and no feedback/ communication between children and their teacher will be required.

I hope you understand and support this decision based on supporting the continued health and well-being of our whole school family and will continue to keep us all in your thoughts and prayers.

To date, we have no further information about when school will re-open, therefore we will continue to provide childcare for essential keyworkers' children until we are advised otherwise.

As ever, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by emailing the school at :-  
[mailbox@stmarys-wxmpri.wrexham.sch.uk](mailto:mailbox@stmarys-wxmpri.wrexham.sch.uk)

With warm regards and continued prayers,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R F Acton'.

Mrs R F Acton  
Headteacher