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Dear parents and carers of Year 5,

I would like to take this opportunity to explain the arrangements for Year 5 on 8th March 2021:

- The school day starts for Year 5 at 9:00 am prompt.
- Temperature checks at the school gate in the morning.
- Making sure children do not attend if they or a member of their household has symptoms of coronavirus.
- In the instance that a person (staff or pupil) tests positive with coronavirus there will be clear communication from the school on what happens next.
- Year 5 will be kept as all one group.
- They will be kept at least 2M away from any other group at any given time.
- Staggered break-time, lunch-time, start and end of the day (changes in the timetable) for all year groups.
- Regular promoting of hand-washing- for 20 seconds, with running water and soap, promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it approach'.
- The children have a shorter lunch to minimise contact with others.
- Cleaning more frequently, to get rid of the virus on frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, handrails and table tops.
- Classrooms will be sanitized regularly.

We ask Year 5 to arrive at school at 9:00am and enter via the main gate. They will go straight into school after their temperature is checked. Please can we ask that your child brings in a pen, pencil, and ruler/pencilcase for their classwork.

PE days will remain the same as before the Christmas break, Thursday and Friday.

We ask that all children bring in a packed lunch which they can have either in the playground or classroom, depending on the weather. Children eligible for a school meal will be provided for. We will be having short lunch breaks across the school. In turn we ask for the children to be collected at 3:00pm promptly from the KS1 playground. When collecting your child, we ask you to arrive on time and to leave the school site immediately. Please note that parents will still not be allowed within the school building.

We are committed to keeping the children safe, whilst at the same time protecting all adults working in the school. We aim for St Mary's school life to be as normal as possible in this very different climate we all find ourselves in.

Please note, until the restrictions are eased further on 29th March, we will be unable to dismiss your child to another adult for a play date. We will only dismiss to the child's parents, or a carer known to the school. I.E. Grandparents or nanny.

We will inform you if and when arrangements have to change in any way.

Kind regards,

Mr Miller

