



St Mary's C of E Primary School

'Learning for Life'

13th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I appreciate how tricky it will be for those of you who are having to keep your child isolating at home. I appreciate this can cause problems with work and dropping off / picking up other siblings to school.

Sadly there are rules we must follow and they are clear:-

- The child must self-isolate (stay in one location for the duration of the isolation period). This means they do not leave the house in which they are isolating.
- If you break these rules and it is shared with the authorities you could be subject to fines.

Unfortunately, we have had alleged reports from concerned wider community members that some of our isolating families and children are using each other as childcare and hosting playdates. I was really disappointed to hear this. This is not allowed under the isolation rules and is putting our community and school community at further risk. If it is reported to the school that there has been a breach in isolation rules, the school have a duty of care to follow this up.

We must all work together to protect our school community from further closures and extended closure, so please follow the rules and keep the child who is isolating in one location during the isolation period of 14 days .

If you are struggling to operate given the restrictions of having one sibling isolating at home, please reach out to fellow friends and family who are able to collect the sibling from outside of the front door and walk them to school for you. We are also here to help and support you if we are able to so please do let us know if you are having any issues. Please remember the maximum group size outside is 6.

I wish there was more we could do to help and I fully understand how hard this all is but we are bound by the law and guidance and must work together to keep our school open.

Please support one another and us and follow the rules to keep us all safe.

Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Chambers
Headteacher