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Respect Ourselves, Respect
Others, Respect our School,
Love God

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Closure of Primary Schools in Thurrock.

Following the latest Government announcement on 30th December, that primary schools in Thurrock should not reopen for the spring term until further notice, St Mary's will be closed and we will be moving to Remote Learning for pupils from Tuesday 5th January 2021, via Microsoft Teams. (Monday 4th January is an INSET day).

The Department for Education have stated that they are giving each school an allocation of laptops; the allocation of laptops for St Mary's is five for the whole school but none have been received at this time. If and when they do arrive, they will be loaned out following strict criteria, there are none other available for loan.

If your child does not have access to any device to access the Remote Learning, please notify us via admin@tilburystmarys.thurrock.sch.uk and we will produce a pack that will be ready to collect.

If you are a NHS critical worker, Care home worker or your child has Social Care involvement through MASH, your child will be permitted (if you wish) to attend school. Children of NHS and Care home workers can attend for the shifts that you are working.

We need to make provision for bubble arrangements for all pupils attending on Tuesday and thereafter. In order to do this you will need to contact us at admin@tilburystmarys.thurrock.sch.uk clearly stating;

Your child's name, year group, your occupation, and the days you need your child to attend.

Please contact us by **11am on Monday morning** as I will need to ensure support staff arrangements are in place for Tuesday.

On the first day of attendance (not Monday 4th Jan) you will need to bring NHS or work ID.

All children attending will be in the same bubble for the two-week period.

The provision we are offering is an option for families that have **no alternative**. Obviously if you are a NHS critical worker, Care home worker or your child is Vulnerable (social

care involvement) but would rather arrange to keep your child safe at home, we understand. If your child has an EHCP, our SENCo will be in touch with you to discuss support.

We know the guidance is to stay at home wherever possible, so we are trying to limit the number of pupils attending at any one time, as I have a duty of care to both staff and pupils to keep us all safe.

For this reason, you must book in advance.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals (not universal) and will not be attending school, Mrs Bishop will be in touch to offer provision.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Happy New Year

Best wishes

M. Jones