



# Cottesmore St. Mary Catholic Primary School

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Letter regarding Years 2 – 5

Dear parents / carers

I hope that you and your families remain well.

Yesterday, the Government announced that all primary aged children, other than those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, would not be returning to school before the end of the summer term. We appreciate that many of you, and your children, may feel frustrated and disappointed by this.

With regards to opening the school in September, we also won't know more until we're guided to do so. Again, in order for us to plan accordingly and to ensure that we are ready for any wider reopening, we have attempted to second guess what constraints the Government may or may not place on schools. However, for now, we must wait like everyone else. As and when it is deemed safe to open more widely, we will be ready to welcome back the children that we have so greatly missed. We, as ever, plan for every eventuality and have already been thinking about possible catch up sessions once all the children return.

This week, year groups are uploading extra staff lead videos to help guide the children through maths and literacy work and, as of next week, extra daily tasks will also be available for core subjects. As you know from my previous letter, your child's usual class teacher will continue to compile weekly Home Learning Grids along with providing relevant slides to accompany learning on Seesaw. As your child's usual class teacher will soon be teaching children from either Reception, Year 1 or Year 6, an additional teacher, has been allocated to each year group from Years 2 - 5. These teachers will be tasked with the job of overseeing Seesaw posts and will be in touch, via PING and Seesaw, in order to introduce themselves. Please get in touch with them if you have any questions or concerns regarding home learning. Whilst these teachers will complete the bulk of learning support, your child's usual class teacher will also be in touch, via Seesaw, at least weekly. The additional teachers will also continue to include extra activities for children who would benefit from further scaffolded support whilst also offering additional tasks and extension for those who require extra challenge. Throughout the remainder of the term, Teaching Assistants will also call families in order to check in and help guide children needing further learning or emotional support. We will continue to provide hard copies of home learning packs for those wanting further, daily maths and written work. Please inform your child's teacher, if this is something that you would like to collect from school. We hope that our activity packs and videos will help the children to work with increased independence whilst also offering family support. Please just do what you can. If you need help with technology at home, please do get in touch.

Please continue to visit the school website or contact teachers if you require any recourses to support your child's wellbeing at home. We appreciate that this is a challenge time for all and that many children may now feel an increased range of emotions knowing that they will not return to school before September. Please rest assured that we will support all children, no matter wherever they are academically, when they return. The most important thing is that they are happy and secure. Please remember that you can always contact us at any time. Your feedback is valued and appreciated as we continue to strive to try to do the best we can in order to cater for everybody. We think of you regularly and are here to help in any way we can. Looking forward to times when we can all be physically together again.

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