ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to inform you of an update to our current procedures in school.

The numbers of requests for places for children are increasing each week and as such, under the original guidance from the DfE, we have reached our current capacity. As you will be aware, the Government have now advised that social distancing will now be relaxed to a "1m+". To enable us to support as many key workers being able to attend work as possible, we will be increasing the number of children in each bubble by slightly adjusting the distance between chairs and tables in the classroom. As per Government guidance, there will be no more than 13 children per bubble (Government guidance recommends 15 children per bubble) and we will ensure at least a 1.5metre distance between seats of those children who do not live in the same household, maintaining a 2metre distance where possible. Hand washing and regular cleaning will continue to be maintained. Children will also continue to sit in rows and windows are opened each day to improve ventilation. Our children and staff safety is still our absolute priority and we have based our decision on the most recent guidance. As usual, should this change, we will update our risk assessments as necessary.

To ensure the safety of our pupils and staff, we will be unable to accept any new bookings going forward. Children who currently have a place confirmed in school will continue to be sent the booking form via email as usual for the remaining weeks in school.

The risk assessment will be adjusted and approved accordingly, before being updated on the school website.

If you have any concerns about this, please contact me via the admin email address or via the "contact school" section in the COVID-19 tab on the school website.

Best wishes,

Mrs I. Borriello   Ms O O'Beirne
Head of School   Executive Headteacher

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