



Mary Dean's CE Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

My goodness, what a week of change. Thank you to everyone who has been so accommodating as we have had to move swiftly and make closures to classes and year groups.

From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, we are all aware that many restrictions will be lifted. However, in school the restrictions will stay in place with any visitors on site required to wear a mask.

We appreciate there are few children left still able to come to school, but we want these children to get their last week in full.

From Monday, there are changes to how schools must act after a confirmed positive case of COVID. A separate letter has been sent to all parents stating the Department for Education's new position.

From now, if there is a confirmed case, we will notify you that this has happened, but the tracking of close contacts will be done by NHS test and trace, not the school. It is unlikely that the class or bubble will be sent home.

This is despite the DfE stating that schools' bubble procedures should remain the same until the end of term and despite that fact that Plymouth's infection rate is now very high.

I fully understand this new approach may make some families and parents nervous; it is exactly the same for school staff.

### **Uniform Store Plymouth**

Doubtless, some families will have items of uniform that no longer fit their children. We have huge amounts in school and really don't want to take on any more so, the following may be useful

information.

The Uniform Store pop-up shop will be taking in donations from Tuesday July 13 and getting the store ready in preparation for opening the store. They will be accepting donations on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays between 10am and 3pm at Plymouth Vineyard Church, 13 Cornwall Street (Close to M&S in the City Centre). They are looking for donations of good quality school uniforms that can be passed on to other families in need.

They will be opening their pop up shop on Tuesday 27 July and the store opening times will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 10am to 3pm.

### **Arrangements for the last week**

As there are only children in Years 5 and 6 left in school, there will be some changes that need to be made.

School will continue to open at 08.40 and end at 3.25. Please make sure your child is not too early and does not stay behind after school unnecessarily.

After school club and Breakfast Club will continue as normal.

Due to kitchen staff shortages, it is proposed that all school meals will be a packed lunch – a choice of cheese, tuna or ham sandwich with additional salad, fruit, biscuit or cakes and crisps. With the lovely weather forecast this week, we will probably encourage the children to eat outside – better they stay outdoors in the fresh air where possible.

The last day of term is Friday. A normal length day

Thank you.

*Mrs Jones*



*A school family, learning for life in all its fullness*

