



# Middleton St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The governors and I are delighted to announce that we have successfully appointed to the position of Deputy Head. Last week candidates were interviewed via Zoom and we appointed two which will strengthen the leadership capacity of the school! Congratulations to both Mrs S Aston and Mrs S Marston who have been appointed as Middleton St Mary's Deputy Headteachers. We are delighted! They have taken up the post with immediate effect.

We have entered week 7 of the school lockdown. The school remains closed and only open to a very small number of children; those of key workers who cannot work from home and have no other adult at home and those with a social worker. We are grateful to families for following this advice to keep their children safe, their household **and** the staff at Middleton St Mary's safe. I need to make it clear that THE RULES HAVE NOT RELAXED OR CHANGED YET. I understand that many of you are experiencing difficulties at home and with your children being at home together in the same 4 walls for 7 weeks, and for many of you, this is affecting your mental health. We have to follow the guidelines to keep **everyone** safe and so cannot allow children of these families back to school as we will not be able to operate on the school guidelines given. Please remember, there are staff in school who fall into these categories also and must also stay at home. REMEMBER, if there is an adult at home, children should not be in school. Our families attending are abiding by this rule and keep their children at home on the days that they do not work. Thank you for your understanding.

This week, all of our families who had not received the Edenred vouchers, now have. We have therefore stopped the sandwich scheme for now but still continue with food hampers each Wednesday. Those families who have become eligible will receive vouchers backdated to the date their child became eligible. Remember to text the school on **07786208446** about issues with this service, do not ring the phonenumber. I am not able to access this website until the early hours of the morning, so please bear with me. Please be aware that if you change your email address, you will not receive any vouchers for up to three weeks. Just to be aware, we have been informed that children accessing school should not be entitled to the supermarket vouchers, they are for eligible pupils who are not in school.

Thank you for continuing to work through the homework activities. Each Monday, we put out our new weekly home learning packs in the main entrance for families to collect between 9am and 4pm daily. Look at our website for links to educational websites on Year Group Pages>>>Home Learning.

School will be closed this Friday as many of the key worker families have a family member at home to look after their child. The school would have been closed on this day under usual circumstances. Please be aware that the school phone will not be answered on this day. The school phone number will then be picked up from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> again between 9 and 3pm.

Thinking of you all in our prayers. Take care and stay safe.

Mrs N Wood, Headteacher.

