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Dear Parent/Carers,

As you are aware the progression to Stage 4 of roadmap out of lockdown has been delayed for another four weeks until 19<sup>th</sup> July. We need to be vigilant and do our part in order to ensure that the reopening does go ahead in a safe manner.

### **Mark 4:35-41**

#### **Jesus Calms the Storm**

<sup>35</sup> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." <sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

<sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

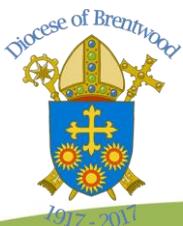
<sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

<sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

This Gospel story highlights the stormy journey our faith has to make today. How easily our sense of Jesus' love and presence is drowned out by a multiplicity of voices. As a result, this lessening or loss of faith gives way to fear. At such times he may be asleep in the boat but his love never leaves us.

### **Data Sheet**

Your child will be coming home with a data checking sheet, please update this sheet with any changes to your personal information and return it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. If all the information is correct please simply sign and return the sheet to your child's teacher by Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> June.



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### Parking on Maryland Square

I am incredibly disheartened to inform you that we have received another complaint from local residence about what is perceived as, " . . . the lack of courtesy displayed by the parents when dropping or collecting their children."

The local residence have noted the following:

*"I understand that parent sometimes need to use their cars, but they need to start adopting some consideration for other road users and potentially try to park further from the school and walking up the road.*

*After they have dropped their children, they should consider driving further along the road to a quiet space before carrying out a 3 point turn so they do not obstruct others trying to get past.*

*I have tried to speak to some drivers during the morning rush to assist with traffic flow but they have displayed arrogance and ignored my suggestions."*

Our school is a part of the local community and it is important that we show the same kind of respect and consideration as we would like from others. It is appalling that the local community are having this interaction with some of our parents which in turn makes us all look bad. The residence have reported this to the council so I would expect that traffic wardens will make this street a regular part of their visits.

Again I am asking parents who need to drive to drop their children off to show more consideration for other road users. I am more than happy to meet with any parents who have any suggestions about what we can do to improve this situation.

### Science Gadget Shop

During Science Week, we had a very popular gadget shop where children were able to purchase items to explore and discover Science. We have a number of popular items still in stock, **therefore during lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week, the children will be able to purchase items. The children can buy their favourite gadgets ranging from 50p to £3.**

### EU Settlement Scheme

As you may be aware, if you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. You can also apply if you're the family member of an eligible person of Northern Ireland.

If your application is successful, you'll get either settled or pre-settled status.

The EEA includes the EU countries and also Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.



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You may be able to stay in the UK without applying - for example, if you're an Irish citizen or already have indefinite leave to remain.

For more information please visit the website below:

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

### **Sports Day**

The children in Nursery, Reception, year 3 and 4 celebrated a fantastic Sports Day last week! It is heartening to be able to do some of the more exciting things that we usually do at this time of the year. We are sad that parents cannot be involved this year as they help to create a greater sense of community.

Unfortunately, the Sports Days for years 1, 2, 5 and 6 had to be postponed due to the weather. The Sports Days have been rescheduled as follows:

**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Years 1 and 2 at St Francis' School**

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - Years 5 and 6 at West Ham Park**

**Sports Day starts at 9:30 each day. Children should attend school in their full PE kits for the day.**

### **International Day**

We are expecting to have our annual International Day on **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July** where the children will share what they have learned about the countries that they have studied as well as perform a traditional or contemporary dance from their country. Unfortunately, we are not able to invite parents in for this, we anticipate that the performances will happen during the school day instead of in the evening as is traditional. We are making arrangements for parents to be able to see the performances. We will update you once these arrangements are finalized.

### **National School Breakfast Programme**

The National School Breakfast Programme has launched its breakfast at home area on the Family Action website, where you will find lots of information and advice on providing a low cost, nutritious, daily breakfast at home [www.family-action.org.uk/BreakfastAtHome](http://www.family-action.org.uk/BreakfastAtHome)

### **Mask/Face Covering**

As we begin to open more and are able to do normal activities please remember we all need to do our part to keep each other safe. Please remember that we are asking all parents to wear a mask or face covering while dropping off and collecting their child each day to keep us all safe.

### **Lateral Flow (Rapid) Covid Tests**

School staff have had access to weekly lateral flow (rapid) testing since February. This is to help stop the spread of the virus by identifying asymptomatic people who are positive. As a part of the



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government initiative to further support this you can order kits to test your household, childcare bubble or support bubble if at least one member:

- is a school, nursery or college pupil
- works in a school, nursery or college (this includes temporary workers or volunteers)
- works in an [occupation related to a school, nursery or college](#)

A test kit contains 7 tests. You can order one test kit per household each day.

A flatshare or house share counts as a household.

### Who this service is for

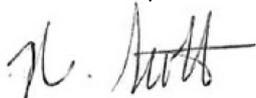
You can only use this service if:

- you're 18 or older
- you live in England
- you do not have coronavirus symptoms
- you have not been told to self-isolate
- you or someone in your household, childcare or support bubble attends a primary school, a nursery, a secondary school, a sixth form, a college, or works at one
- you cannot get tests from a test site or your work

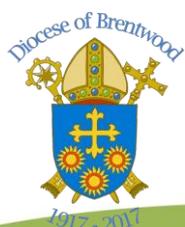
Test kits can be ordered at:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

God Bless,



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