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Dear parents/guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. I sincerely hope that you and your families are keeping well during this very difficult time.

There has been much uncertainty for everyone with regard to school openings over the last few days, but thankfully we now have some clarity as last night the Minister for Education Norma Foley TD confirmed that all schools will regrettably remain closed to students from Monday 11 January. She also stated that as from Monday 11 January students, including children with special needs, will resort to a programme of remote learning in line with the rest of the government restrictions.

In St Mary's we are committed to do our best for every single pupil in relation to remote teaching and learning. We were very successful during the first lockdown and we will continue on with our good practices. Please note that some teachers may be out on sick leave or other leave so a substitute teacher may be contacting you instead .

The school's website will be the place to access educational resources so feel free to use it. We will continue to update it and we will keep you informed. I would like to reiterate that you should not feel compelled to use all the materials or videos sent to you ,the current model is parent led and the last thing we want is for you to feel under pressure.

The Board of Management of St Mary's Special School will keep you posted of any further developments.

Sincerely,

Maria Corredor

Principal - on behalf of the Board of Management.