



Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents,

### **'A MOMENT IN TIME' PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT**

During this evening's Government briefing, we expect to hear how restrictions and social distancing may be further adapted or even lifted from our day to day lives. In the next couple of weeks, schools should receive Government guidance following the recent announcement that they foresee all children from all classes returning to school, fulltime, in September.

As we come to the close of this academic year, staff at Saint Patrick's are looking towards September 2020 and considering what will be the needs of our children returning to school after such a long period away, and what our priorities for support will be in our community. Clearly, we know that the Mental Health agenda has never been so vital in our lives, and all of our staff have completed Mental Health training in order to identify and support the needs of each of our children.

What is clear is that whatever the conditions of return in September, we cannot pretend that the last 4 months did not happen and start the new school year as normal.

We have all been touched by this pandemic in different ways. We are 'survivors' of this terrible global upset, and so are your children. Obviously, we will have to explore this idea with our children on their return.

As a result, I would ask that every family send us 3 photos –

- (i) **A moment of happiness during lockdown**
- (ii) **A moment of learning / achievement / conquering a challenge – academic or not – during lockdown**
- (iii) **A 'porch portrait' of the whole family – outside your house, in the garden or in a public space.**

Similar to the Duchess of Cambridge's recent 'Hold Still' Project with the National Portrait Gallery, we want to capture and celebrate what we can of this historic and unprecedented moment in time for our children.

It is important to us that as many pupils in our school as possible are portrayed. Photos will only be used in the school building and will not appear on the website.

**Please send photos electronically to [admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk) by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July.**

Thanks in anticipation for your help and support in this project.

Yours sincerely,

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