

St Matthias Church of England Primary School

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Good morning everyone,

We hope that you have had a wonderful holiday and have made the most of family time during this summer break.

We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back to St Matthias on **Monday 6th September** following two super TED days with the staff this last week.

Here are a few reminders:

Lessons start promptly at 9am therefore the **gates will be open from 8.45am for ALL children** and will close just before 9am.

You are now able to access the school from either the Key Stage One playground gate, which is located in the alley way by the church, or the front gate in Cromwell Road. We have **removed the one way system**. However, if you are dropping children to the Early Years area please access this using the Early Years gate in the alley way by the church and exit using the KS1 playground gate.

Year 5 and Year 6 will access their classrooms using the top playground gate near the front entrance.

Year 4 will access their classroom using the ramp outside their classroom.

Year 2 will access their classroom using their classroom door on KS1 playground.

Year 1 and Year 3 will access their classrooms using the corridor door on KS1 playground.

Nursery and Reception children will access their classrooms via the Early Years area.

Senior Leaders will be outside welcoming and directing everyone if you are unsure.

School is now finishing for **EVERYONE at 3.15pm (Nursery 3pm)** as we have gone back to our pre COVID times for everyone.

Please avoid gathering early at the front of school especially under the windows of the Year 4 class as they can often be disturbed by loud conversations. If they are disturbed we will ask you politely to move or reduce the noise level.

Following DfE guidance we still have lots of **safety procedures** in place at St Matthias and have a new Risk Assessment which will be available on our website next week. We still have extra cleaning in place across the school. There is plenty of soap and hand sanitizer in school for everyone and we will continue to encourage the **children to regularly wash their hands**. Staff will still wear masks in corridors going between their classrooms and work spaces. We are reinstating lunchtimes in the hall so children can have 'hot dinners' safely. However, we will be gathering in smaller phase groups for playtimes and Worship.

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We would still **encourage parents to wear a mask** during drop off and pick up times as there will be lots of people gathering. You will see staff wearing masks outside.

BlackPepper lunches: If you would like your child to have a hot dinner please make sure you have booked them by TOMORROW using their online system <https://www.blackpepperlunches.com/BP-default.php> otherwise please send your child with a packed lunch.

COVID Symptoms- Please ensure that you DO NOT send your child back to school with symptoms of COVID-19 and please take them for a PCR test. You can book a test by ringing 119 or using the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus/>

NEW PE Hoodies- You can still purchase your first PE hoodie at a reduced price from school. We have order forms available at the front of school from Monday.

Whizz Kids- You can book into our before and after school care by using the booking form available on our website or emailing Mrs James finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk

Year 1-6 ClassDojo- You will be able to access your new class teacher using ClassDojo from Monday.

Early Years communication- You will be able to access your new class teacher using Tapestry from Monday.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing the children looking smart in their uniforms on Monday.

Thank you

Mrs Beale