



Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all managed to have a break at some point this Summer and that Covid has not impacted too much on any of you. We have been busy at school with lots of deep cleaning and it looks spotless, even though the building work has begun, please bear with us, due to difficulties in the building sector the work is going to take longer than anticipated. There is a growing sense within the staff on site that we are almost ready!

We are hoping that we can see a start to returning to some degree of normality and that we can return to many of the pre-covid opportunities that we want your children to experience. As such please find attached two key documents – one shows what we will do in the event of an outbreak and the other is purely operational information which outlines things that you may wish to know in order to understand what your children will experience in school in terms of breaks, assemblies, trips etc. I have been working on amending our Risk Assessment and will publish this on the school website next week due to new guidance being published by the Department of Education on Friday and the LA are providing up to date information to assist.

To our new parents in Reception and Nursery – I look forward to meeting you and your children – welcome to our fantastic school community.

The week of the 20th September there will be online zoom meetings for parents of specific year groups to find out a bit more about the expectations and curriculum associated with the department your child has joined. For any parents who cannot attend, we will record the meeting, and put it onto the website.

#FreshStartSeptember

I'd like to remind parents that normal school uniform will resume from the first day; please ensure that your child has full uniform and it is all labelled with their name. School is still operating the one way system for entering and exiting the site. The Annex (Before & After school club) will open at 7:40am, access through the parent car park. The school gate will open at 8:30am, children should be in class before 8:50am as the gates will close and children will be marked late. If arriving after 8:50am please use the Main Entrance and register your child on the Inventory system. Please start to get bedtime routines into place over the next few days – it will be hard for all of us! At the end of the day, we will open the gates to parents at 3:00pm for Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and KS1 children, KS2 children will leave at 3:10pm, please can I ask anyone collecting not to congregate around the doors – Mrs Craven's and Mr Bigland's will be called for collection by walkie talkie. The gates will close at 3:20pm.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your kind words, cards and gifts at the end of last year. They were very much appreciated. I would also like to thank all of you who completed the Survey Monkey, the responses were overwhelmingly positive, which was very heartening and some key areas for us to look at in order to further improve our provision.

We are really looking forward to the start of term and are excited about some of our plans for the year. Enjoy the last few days of the holidays and see you on Monday or for Nursery and Reception on your Stay and Play session date.

Stay safe

Mrs Butterworth

Headteacher

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