



## **Welcome to EYFS (Nursery & Reception)**



Firstly we would like to welcome you all to our EYFS department at St Thomas More. This year, our school gates will be open from 8:30am and our Early Years door will open from 8:40am. The children will be greeted by a member of our team as they go into class.

**All Nursery and Reception children** enter into the cloakroom with their belongings and we request that Parents/Carers **ensure that this entrance remains clear so that all children can enter safely and with clear access.**

**We also politely request that children do not access the outdoor equipment/resources in the outdoor area before or after school. Thank you.**

At the end of the day, the school gates open at 3pm. Please collect your child from the canopy area. Please ensure that the exit is clear so that the children can safely exit the building and so that we can see clearly. Please take note of the signs that request for you to wait at the stands to collect your child. In line with our Safeguarding procedures, please ensure that you clearly state the name of your child. We will then 'call' your child and they will then exit the building. Thank you already for all of your support and patience with our entry and home time routines!

### **Our EYFS team**

This year we have welcomed Miss Dunkerley and Miss Crowley to our EYFS Team. Miss Barran (EYFS Lead), Mrs Patterson (Mon-Weds) and Mrs Coughlan (Weds – Fri) continue to be part of the EYFS team. Over the coming weeks, we will be getting to know the children and settling into our new routines. We will inform you who your child's named teacher will be for this academic year in due course and once all children are settled into school.

### **PE (Reception children only)**

This year, we are asking children to continue to come to school in their PE kits on their allocated PE day.

**Reception** children will need to come to school in their PE kits on their scheduled day. We will let you know the day and when to begin to wear the kits to school in the coming weeks. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. We recommended that the children wear appropriate footwear and outerwear on their PE day as we will continue to work both indoors and outdoors in all weathers!

### **Snack and water bottles**

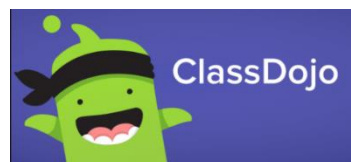
Snacks are provided during the course of the morning for all of our Nursery and Reception children consisting of milk, water, seasonal fruits and vegetables, crackers, breadsticks etc. We kindly ask for voluntary donations of £1 per child each week to buy supplies for a variety of snacks and resources. You do not need to send any snacks into Nursery or Reception. The

Office will send a text message to all parents with a link to donate voluntary online in the coming weeks.

Children can bring drinks bottles containing water from home. **Please ensure that water bottles are clearly labelled.**

### **Class Dojo**

Class Dojo is a reward system that is used in school and you will soon be receiving information to join your child's class. In Early Years, we use the Class Dojo system to share information, messages and any highlights from our time in class using the 'Class Story' function. The direct message function is not used by school staff. If you do need to speak to a member of our team, you can speak to us before or after school (when the children have safely entered/exited the building), call the school office or you can also email the team via our school email addresses:



[cebarran@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:cebarran@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk)

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### **Twitter (now known as 'X')**

Each class at St Thomas More have their own Twitter (or 'X') page where we share our achievements and wonderful experiences. In the coming weeks, you will be asked to complete the appropriate forms/survey to give consent for your child to be included in photographs that we share. Once we have gained consent we will then post on our Twitter/X pages.

### **Belongings**

Please ensure that **all** uniform, lunch bags, coats, footwear, water bottles and any other belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **Lunch bags**

Please ensure that all lunch bags, containers and drink bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please note that we are a **Nut Free school**. Please check that the contents of your child's packed lunch do not contain nuts.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our EYFS team.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Early Years Team



Miss Crowley, Miss Barran, Mrs Coughlan, Mrs Patterson & Miss Dunkerley