



St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

Friday 3rd September 2021

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
Welcome back	All	Carol Scanlon

Welcome back everyone!

It has been a lovely start to the new academic year and it has been really wonderful to see all the children arriving so excitedly over the last few days and ready to be back in school once again after their summer holidays.

We are delighted that we have also been joined by three new staff members this term: Ms Solly in Year 5, Miss Cook in Year 3 and Mrs Stonestreet in Year 2 and Reception and I am sure you will join me in welcoming them as they join our school and community here at St Mary's.

The children have settled well into their new classes over the last two days and have been busy getting to know their new classrooms and routines, as well as already been working hard at their learning. Their enthusiasm has been wonderful to witness and we were all delighted to meet together as a whole school in our Hall for Assembly on Thursday and for Mass with Father Dominic on Friday, where we introduced our pupils to our new whole school theme of **'Belonging'**.

It is lovely to be back in school and much has been organised and planned for the academic year ahead as we go forward together here at St Mary's. I will continue to update you on these exciting developments as we move on through each term and we also have a school Facebook page where you can also keep up to date with all our activities and events throughout the year.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes
Mrs Scanlon

Attendance 2021-2022	All	Mrs Scanlon
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School attendance is mandatory and the usual rules continue to apply, including:

- a parent's duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school, where the child is a registered pupil at school
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the ability for schools and local authorities to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

Positive cases and symptoms of Covid 19

Pupils/Staff/Parents or carers should not come into school if they have symptoms or have had a positive test result. Anyone in school who develops COVID-19 symptoms, will be sent home and told to follow public health advice.

From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.

Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

Changes to National Restrictions and return to school 2021-22

ALL

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As you are aware the government has eased the national restrictions and guidance for schools has been reviewed and updated accordingly by the DfE.

Therefore, following these changes we have updated our School Risk Assessment in line with government guidance and the following changes to our school procedures are now in place.

School Environment/School Procedures

Classes will no longer be in separate bubbles and all children will now be able to mix together at lunchtime. However, the following control measures will remain in place throughout school:

Hand hygiene:

The school will continue to ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly with soap and water or hand sanitiser and that frequent and thorough hand cleaning is regular practice.

Cleaning:

The school will continue to ensure that areas and equipment are cleaned regularly with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.

Ventilation:

The school will be well ventilated with windows and doors opened to create air flow.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas. However, it is recommended that face masks are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where pupils may come into contact with people they don't normally meet. This includes public transport and dedicated transport to school or college.

Return to Education Leaflet

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DfE

Please see the attached **government information leaflet for parents and carers** with regards to your child's return to primary school this term.

See attached - **Return to Education - Primary School Leaflet**

School Procedures 2021-2022

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The school has returned to our normal school procedures at the start and the end of the day.

The gate and the classroom doors open for pupils at **08.45am** and children will be able to walk independently down the drive straight to their classroom. Mrs Scanlon and Mr Getty will be at the top of the drive to welcome everyone back to school and staff will also be on duty along the length of the school drive and in the playground to direct pupils to their new classrooms.

Please note: If any parent/carer in Years 1 or 2 would like to accompany their children to the green gate at the top of the playground during the first few days whilst their child becomes used to the new system, please feel welcome to walk down the drive with them. Staff in the playground will then support them as they go around to their classroom.

Early Years pupils (from the week beginning 13.9.21) will enter their classroom through the Early Years gate and parents can accompany their child to these gates until the end of Term 2.

Our members of staff who are on duty wear high visibility jackets so that they are easily visible to parents and children if necessary

Register and pupil attendance

Registers will be taken promptly at 08.55am and gates are closed at 08.55. Any child who arrives in class after this time will need to be signed in as late at the school office.

End of day timing and arrangements

Parents are welcomed into the playground at the end of the day at 3.15pm. Although restrictions have been eased we advise parents/carers to socially distance where possible.

All pupils in Years R - 4 will be dismissed from their classroom doors and Years 5 and 6 from the external door nearest to their classrooms. When parents/carers are seen by the teacher, the pupil will then be allowed to go. The pupil will be ticked off the class list as they leave ensuring that they are being picked up by an authorised person as indicated on the sheet.

Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 may, with parent/carer's permission, may walk up the drive alone or walk home. If your child has moved into Year 4 and you now wish to give your permission for them to walk up the drive or walk home, please email the office.

Only those adults on the authorised collection list held in the office can collect a pupil. Pupils may not go home with someone who is not on the list unless the parent has notified the school office in advance.

Swimming	All	Office
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Swimming lessons in school for years 1-6 will resume in the week beginning 13th September. Further details will follow next week.

Meet the Teacher Sessions	Years 1-6	Office
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You are invited to our 'Meet the Teacher' session for your child/children's class teacher. This will be an opportunity to learn more about what your child will be learning over the coming year and give you an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

These sessions will be held in the respective classrooms from 3.30pm to 4pm on the following days.

Year 1 - Orange Class - Tuesday 14th September

Year 2 - Yellow Class - Wednesday 15th September

Year 3 - Green Class - Thursday 16th September

Year 4 – Blue Class - Friday 17th September

Year 5 - Indigo Class - Tuesday 21st September

Year 6 - Violet Class - Wednesday 22nd September

We hope that you will be able to attend.

After School Clubs/Music Lessons	ALL	Office
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Updates on clubs and music lessons.

Gym Club will be starting on Monday 20th September

<https://gymspire-academy.class4kids.co.uk/info/523>

Karate starting on the Thursday 9th September

<https://www.samasoutheast.co.uk/>

Dance Club starting Friday 10th September.

See letter attached for details.

East Sussex Music Service – individual lessons

Violin lessons will be starting on Monday 6th September

Guitar lessons will be starting week beginning 20th September.

Visit <https://www.eastsussexmusic.org/tuition> for more information.

Please visit the club providers websites for more details or the links provided. Please ensure you book and pay for club directly with the club providers in advance and once you have had your place confirmed, please let the office know when if your child is attending an after-school club.

We are still awaiting confirmation from Pure Sports regarding after school clubs and will provide them as soon as we have further details.

Star Warts – The Musical	All	Mrs Scanlon
<p>The school were delighted and very grateful that, during the summer holidays, we were able to provide the children from Years 6 and 5 an opportunity to perform their production of 'Star Warts', that sadly had to be cancelled at the end of Term 6.</p> <p>The two performances were fantastic and clearly demonstrated the hard work, enthusiasm and dedication of all involved.</p> <p>Well done and thank you to all the children, as well as Miss Morley and the staff team who produced and put on such a great show! It was amazing and thoroughly enjoyed by all.</p>		
Morrisons – It's good to grow	All	Office
<p>We have registered St Mary's School with the Morrisons Growing School to get FREE gardening equipment for our school.</p> <p>The scheme is to encourage the next generation to get growing, because the more kids know about how food is grown and made, the better they will eat, now and in the future.</p> <p>The Good to Grow is a collector scheme where you can exchange Grow Tokens for gardening equipment for our school. It starts on Monday 6th September and runs until 24th October. You will get 1 voucher for every £10 spent in store or online. You can register your tokens for our school through the My Morrisons App or in the Good to Grow section on their website.</p> <p>Thank you for your support.</p>		
Attached		
Return to Education – Primary School Leaflet Studio N Dance letter		