



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

Return to school – Monday 6th September

I hope that you have had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to the start of the new academic year. In preparation for this, and in the light of the government guidance relating to COVID 19, I have detailed below our arrangements for the school day from Monday 6th September:

- ◊ The school gate will be opened at 8.35am and I, or a member of the leadership team, will be there until 9.00am. As in the past, the field gate will be open during the day, except when the children are on the field or carpark when the gates will be locked.
- ◊ We would ask that parents / carers of children in Meldon Class accompany their children down the hill and go through the wooden playground gate and across the playground to Meldon classroom gate, where they will be met by staff.
- ◊ All other children may walk into school independently – staff will be waiting at intervals down the hill to ensure that they enter the main entrance at Reception safely. Parents / carers of pupils in all other classes are welcome to accompany their child into school at the start of the school day, although this is not a requirement.
- ◊ If a Meldon pupil finishes their day earlier than 3.10pm, parents / carers are asked to come to the main school Reception to collect their child.
- ◊ At the end of the school day, the arrangements that were in place before the summer holidays will continue. Pupils will be brought up the hill to the school gate to facilitate the end of day arrangements and to ensure that this is as swift and safe as possible. Meldon, Avon and Venford pupils will finish the school day at 3.10pm (except for those with older siblings in Fernworthy or Burrator Class and those who use school transport, who will leave at 3.30pm). All other pupils will finish the school day at 3.30pm.
- ◊ Pupils will no longer need to remain in 'bubbles' so can mix in school.
- ◊ There will continue to be a focus on good hygiene, with reminders about the importance of hand washing and /or the use of sanitiser and regular cleaning of frequently touched areas. We will also ensure that the school continues to be well ventilated.

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- ◊ Pupils will need to come into school wearing their PE kits on PE days, as was the case before the summer holidays. The following days are when PE sessions will take place:
 - Meldon – Wednesday and Thursday (only Reception children need PE kits)
 - Venford – Tuesday and Wednesday
 - Avon – Monday and Thursday
 - Fernworthy – Tuesday and Thursday
 - Burrator – Tuesday and Thursday
- ◊ Although after school clubs will be offered this term, these will not take place during the first week of term.
- ◊ Children may bring books and items in from home as required, but, in line with our school policy, we would ask that toys are not brought into school.
- ◊ School lunches will be served to all children in the hall. For the first two weeks there will be a restricted menu which will be sent out with this letter.

I hope that the above information is helpful, and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 6th September.

Kind regards

Nicola Slack
Headteacher

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