

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday schools received operational guidance for September 2021 to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in our school. We will continue to follow an updated risk assessment and create an outbreak management plan outlining how we would operate if there were an outbreak in our school or local area. We await further guidance from Hertfordshire County Council to support these.

We have planned for school life going back to some kind of normality and have reflected on COVID-19 systems that we have in place that have worked well.

September 2021 updates

- Consistent class 'bubbles' will no longer be necessary. This means the children will be able to eat their lunch in the school hall and we will be able to celebrate whole school assembly and Key Stage assembly together once again. We will be guided by Public Health should we need to reintroduce class bubbles temporarily.
- Classroom doors will open at 8:45am with the school day officially starting at 8:50am. Gates will lock at 9am. Collection time for the Infants (Nursery – Year 2) will be at 3:15pm and Juniors (Years 3 – 6) will be at 3:20pm. Drop off and collection for Year 3 will continue to take place from the prayer garden, please wait in the covered area. In order to dismiss our children safely, we ask that you continue to make use of the class line markers and wait for your child to be dismissed. We also ask that you do not pass the yellow lines outside each classroom. Should you wish to speak to the class teacher, please wait until the children have been safely dismissed.
- Collection for Nursery children who finish at 12pm will be from the Infant gate. The children will be brought out to the gate and dismissed to you from there.
- We will no longer make use of the one-way system. However, we ask that you continue to keep your distance from other families. If necessary, we will reintroduce the one-way system.
- Masks will no longer need to be worn on site.
- Please be reminded that from September, parents will no longer be able to park in **any** of the Stevenage FC carparks. You can park in the Roaring Meg carpark or Valley Showground. Please respect Stevenage FC's change and park elsewhere. There will not be space to park in their carparks. We have a great relationship with Stevenage FC and we do not want to cause unnecessary friction.
- Staggered Junior breaktimes will continue in September.
- We are hoping to offer swimming lessons for our children in Year 3 & 4 again in the autumn term. We will also be booking school trips for our children throughout the year. Further details to follow.
- We will be working alongside Father Michael to organise our school celebrations throughout the year. It will be wonderful to celebrate Mass together again as a community.
- Children (Reception – Year 6) to continue to wear their PE kits on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please note PE kits should be our red t-shirt (with school badge), black shorts or tracksuit bottoms (no logos) and trainers.
- We will seek your views later on in the autumn term regarding parent consultations taking place face to face or virtually.



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- Rising Stars will be offering breakfast and after school clubs from September. Further communication to follow later today.
- School meals for our Junior children will be priced at £2.70 from September. Please note that there has not been a price increase since April 2019. Please be reminded that all meals **must** be paid for in advance.

We have been extremely fair and considerate this year with school uniform and PE kits, however, from September we will require children and families to follow our school uniform expectations. Smarty Schoolwear in the Town Centre now stock our school uniform. Please see previous communication. Please be reminded of the following:

Girls - Winter

- Grey pinafore dress or skirt or grey or black trousers
- White polo shirt (with school badge) or plain white shirt or blouse
- Red cardigan/sweatshirt (with school badge) (compulsory)
- White socks or red, grey or black tights

Boys - Winter

- Grey or black trousers
- White polo shirt (with school badge) or plain white shirt
- Red sweatshirt (with school badge) (compulsory)
- Grey or black socks

Shoes

- Black footwear (not trainers)

Hats

- Plain - no logos (except school badge) or brand hats.

Hair

- Long hair should be tied back with modest hair accessories. Extreme hairstyles, including colours, coloured extensions, tramlines and close shaven styles are not permitted.

Please note that the children are not allowed to wear nail varnish.

If these updates need to change, I will write to you during the summer holidays with our new plans!

I will share our updated risk assessment and outbreak management plan once we receive local guidance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

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Miss Puccio
Headteacher

