



ST MATTHEW'S CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It really is wonderful to have the children back in school and to have a little bit of 'normal' back in our lives. To have the school full of laughter and learning has been great. I want to say a huge thank you for all for your support in making the move back to school so smooth for everyone.

As we know, infection rates in Bolton are high and tighter restrictions have been put in place across the borough. Thankfully the government are clear that they want schools to remain open where at all possible. However, should there be a positive case within a class it is likely that the class and the teacher will have to isolate for two weeks. This would be under the direction of the Track and Trace process and not a choice of the school. You would be informed as soon as possible. If this is the case you will receive notification directly from me –initially in the form of a text, followed by a letter explaining the procedures.

If whole classes have to isolate then we will put in place our plans for 'remote learning' so that learning can continue for the whole class. From Monday, if individual children within a class have to isolate then the teacher will make contact to put remote learning plans into place for them.

Changes to the start and end of the day from next week

South Gate : From Monday we will open the South Gate at the back of school from 8:35am – 9:05am and from 3:10pm – 3:40pm.

Infant Start Times: Infant children can arrive at school between 8:40am and 9:05am and can go straight to their classroom. If you are able to arrive towards the later end of those times that would be really helpful.

Collecting Infant and Junior Siblings

If you collect an infant child and are waiting for a junior child please wait in the playground rather than on the car park. This should reduce congestion at the front of school.

Email Addresses

In the future we want to be able to send, class letters, newsletters and urgent information out by email as well as putting them on the school website. We are also –at last- in a position to set up SIMSPay which will enable you to make on line payments. Both of these require an email address. We already have these for our Reception Class but do not have them for all children across the rest of the school. You will shortly receive a link to a 'form' so we can gather this information. Email addresses will not be shared with third parties and will be added to a 'blind copy' group. Obviously, if you do not wish to share that information that is fine. Unlike the text message system, which only works on first contacts, we would be able to add a second email address where care for a child is split.



If you share care with another parent in a separate household please forward the link to them when it arrives.

Meet the Teacher Zoom Meeting

Arrangements for the Zoom Meetings will be shared by text and on the class blog at the start of next week. Invites will be sent to the email addresses requested in the section above.

Celebration Assemblies

We will still hold our celebration assembly each week although this will take place in class. We have set up a Celebration Assembly Blog on Purple Mash. You will be able to see all the Star of the Week Awards, birthdays and other awards. If your child wants to share something in celebration assembly please take a photo and send it either to your class teacher using the homework email or add it to the class blog. This will then be shared with children across the school.

Contacting school

It is a real change for us not to be able to operate our 'Open Door' policy at the moment but we do want you to keep in touch. Please use homework@stmll.bolton.sch.uk to contact the class teacher about your child's learning and progress. The Homework email is checked daily during the week but not at the weekends and you may not get an immediate response so for all other concerns please contact the school office.

Many Thanks

Mrs Ryding