

# St Matthew Academy

St Joseph's Vale, Blackheath, London SE3 0XX

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of an extremely busy and successful term, despite it being very different from any other. The children have worked so hard and really enjoyed their learning, which has been showcased each week on Twitter. We are privileged to teach such wonderful children and take immense pride in their achievements. Our children have continued to let their lights shine by their charitable efforts to support Macmillan, Salvation Army, Children in Need and their local community by carol singing at a care home for elderly residents.

I want to thank all our staff for their hard work and dedication in ensuring that our children receive an amazing school experience every day.

## Nativity and Carol Services

Please spend some time over the holiday watching our performances. Go on to our website and find them in the latest news section: <https://www.stmatthewacademy.co.uk/latest-news/primary-pupils-shine-in-their-christmas-performances> The children are delightful and performed brilliantly, even without a live audience! Another fantastic video of our reception children – 'Day in the life of a reception child' is also available by simply clicking on the ribbon at the top of the homepage of our academy website.

## New start and collection times

From January, we will continue staggered start and collection times in order to protect our children, staff and local community, but to ensure we limit inconvenience to parents and to the children's school day, we have made a slight change. **All EYFS and KS1 pupils will arrive at school at 9.15am and be collected at 3.30pm. All KS2 pupils will arrive at school at 9.00am and depart at 3.15pm.** Pupils will enter the Academy via **the main entrance** and be met by a member of SLT. Pupils will line up in their socially distanced class bubbles in the Primary courtyard. The primary start times are different to those of the secondary pupils so there is no risk of any year group mixing. **Please do not drop children off any earlier than 5 minutes before their start time so that social distancing can be maintained.** If children have siblings in other year groups, then please drop them all off at the earlier time and collect them all at the later time. All parents should use the main gate and walk along the side of the school to collect children at the end of the day, but please remember to maintain social distancing outside the primary gates.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will commence on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. All children who attend must be on site between 7:30am – 7:45am to be met at main reception by a member of our staff. If you require a place or have any queries regarding this provision please email [info@stmatthewacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@stmatthewacademy.co.uk)

## After school clubs and interventions

All clubs and interventions will commence on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January**. You have been notified by letter detailing the interventions that your child has been invited to attend. You have also been asked to sign up for any after school clubs that are on offer for your child. After school clubs are to be paid for using ParentPay. Please ensure that your child is collected promptly from after school clubs at 4.15pm. If your child has siblings, then try to put them in after school clubs on the same evening to limit any inconvenience and avoid having to wait outside for children. Please email your child's teacher if you have any queries regarding interventions or clubs.

**Can I please remind you that we finish this term on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December and children should be collected at their normal dismissal time.**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Please enjoy this festive period with your family and stay safe.

Thank you all again for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully



**Ms Chick**  
**Head of the Primary Phase**

