

# St Matthew Academy

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

Headteacher: Ms Miranda Baldwin

Head of Primary: Ms Joanna Chick



4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are all keeping safe and well. I am extremely pleased to be welcoming all our primary pupils back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you all for your continued support with your child/children's online learning, although I am sure that many of you are relieved that the end is in sight!

Please refer to the letter sent out by Ms Baldwin on 26<sup>th</sup> February detailing the protective measures the Academy as a whole is taking to ensure a safe and smooth return for all our pupils.

Below is additional information that pertains only to primary pupils:

## Start and finish times

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March we will continue staggered start and collection times in order to protect our children, staff and local community and ensure we limit inconvenience to parents and to the children's school day.

	EYFS	KS1	KS2
Start	9.15am	9.15am	9.00am
Finish	3.30pm	3.30pm	3.15pm

All children and parents are now asked to enter the premises via the main gate and not the pedestrian gate. All children can be dropped off at the main gate in the morning and will be escorted to their line-up areas by a member of staff. **We ask that you do not drop your child off any earlier than 10 minutes before their start time so as to avoid any mixing with secondary bubbles.**

At the end of the day, please arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before your child/children finish. All parents will wait for their children on the school field opposite the main entrance. Please wait in the assigned areas so that we can maintain social distancing at all times. Class teachers will bring the children to meet you at the end of the day. We kindly ask that you exit the premises promptly once you have collected your child/children. We are trialling this collection procedure to further ensure that parents have the safe space to socially distance and are not congregating on the pavement.

## Attendance

School attendance will be mandatory again from your child's return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply.

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### **School uniform**

All pupils will return in full school uniform. It is important that all uniform is washed regularly. Children will continue to come into school in full school PE kit on the days that their class has PE lessons.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club will commence from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We ask that children arrive between 7.30 – 7.45am via front reception. If you require a place for this provision then please email [info@stmatthewacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@stmatthewacademy.co.uk)

### **After school clubs/interventions**

Our extensive programme of after school clubs and academic interventions will commence after the Easter holidays. We will be following the spring timetable into the summer term. Further information regarding this will be sent out at a later date.

We are continuing to follow all the health and safety procedures that have been in place since September and have been highly effective. Children will remain in their class bubbles and continue to have staggered break and lunchtimes. All our hygiene routines – regular deep cleans, movement around the building, handwashing, use of equipment, delivery of lessons and social distancing are all still in place.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Ms J Chick  
**Head of Primary**

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