

St Matthew Academy

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

Headteacher: Ms Miranda Baldwin

Head of Primary: Ms Joanna Chick



18th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: - Year 4 to Year 5 Transition

I am writing to you to inform you of the decision we have made to merge both of our year four classes into one. As you may be aware, both classes are very small – with under thirty pupils across the year group. During the pandemic we have lost pupils from year 4 due to their families moving out of the area or London.

We believe it is in the best interest for pupils to begin to acclimatise with one another as they will ultimately become one class when they transition into year 5. The pupils will continue to be taught by Miss Rupa and Mrs Baxter, with the only change being that they are in one classroom. We are in an enviable position to ensure that all pupils continue to make accelerated progress by having two teachers. We know that having missed so much face to face teaching over the last 18 months, our pupils will thrive having more targeted support and being able to socialise with all their peers in one classroom. Next academic year the whole year 4 cohort will transition into year 5 smoothly and be taught by a member of our SLT. All children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher on Wednesday 7th July.

Thank you so much for your continued cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Yours faithfully,

Ms J Chick
Head of Primary

Mr K Umekwe
Deputy Head of Primary