

St Matthew Academy

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

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are always looking for ways to make St Matthew Academy the best that it can be and where possible listen to your feedback. Over the past year a number of parents have voiced their concerns over two issues. The first is the cost of our school uniform, in particular our tartan skirt for girls. The second is the congestion on the way to school in the morning, particularly on the buses and at the entrance to the Academy, due to both primary and secondary pupils starting at the same time. We have been looking at ways to address these issues and have come up with the following solutions.

From September 2018 we will be phasing out the tartan skirt and replacing it with a plain black skirt which will be considerably cheaper. At the same time we will also be replacing the shirt and tie with an orange polo top which will be both smart and comfortable for the children to wear and will certainly be more practical, especially for our younger children.

From September 2018 we will also be moving the start time for the beginning of the school day in the Primary Phase from 8.40am to 9.00 a.m. This change will not only bring us in line with the majority of other primary schools in the area but will greatly ease congestion at the front entrance and on the buses.

We do realise this may cause problems for children who are brought to school by their older siblings so to address this problem, children will be supervised by a member of our staff in front of the Primary building from 8.35 a.m. The primary door will open at 8.50am and all children will be expected in school ready to start their learning by 9.00am.

I hope you will support us with these changes. If you have any questions or other suggestions regarding the above issues do let us know. Our lovely new uniform will be available for you to view in the front reception over the next few weeks.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Beckley
Head of Primary

Ms Baldwin
Head of School