



Dear Families,

It is nearly the end of the school year and as always a busy time. Let's hope that when we meet back up in September that life will have returned back to what we once knew.

We have had a busy half term and unfortunately, you have not been able to share the fun with us. The staff are putting as many photos as possible on the school website. The year six children had a great Outdoor Adventure on Monday, although the rain did spoil it a bit.

Year six parents are welcome to join us at 1:30pm on Monday for the Leavers' assembly. This will be the first time that we have gathered in school for a long time and we are so pleased that the parents will be able to join us at the important event.

COVID changes

You may have seen or read the announcement by Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education. Mr Williamson told parliament that "key restrictions" would be dropped for schools from Step 4 of England's "roadmap" out of lockdown, planned for 19 July.

The removal of key restrictions means:

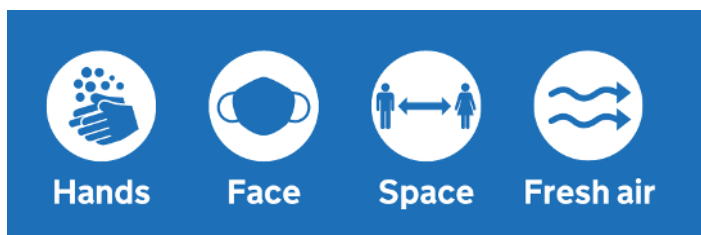
- there is no requirement for 'bubbles' within schools
- there is no requirement for staggered starts or endings to the school day
- we can resume whole school assemblies/collective worship
- face coverings for staff are not needed in communal areas

He also identified that from August 16th:

- under 18s do not need to self isolate if they have been in 'close contact' with a positive COVID case, meaning pupils do not need to be sent home if a classmate/staff member tests positive
- Schools do not need to do track and trace

Schools are still asked to:

- continue the system of both hand hygiene and 'catch it, bin it, kill it'
- continue a cleaning regime in classrooms of at least twice per day
- continue providing ventilated classrooms
- provide remote education for those isolating



The Government also made it clear that schools who do not finish on the 19th July can continue to put restrictions in place for the extra week up to summer break. As a school, we will be keeping these restrictions in terms of 'bubbles', staggered ends to the school day, as well as our lunchtime and playtime organisation. As you will understand, there is a significant amount of organisation needed to bring this into place, and we feel it would be prudent to ensure this is done properly in readiness for September.

What this means for St. Mary's...

- All children will arrive at school between 8:45- 9am.
- Drop off at the gate will remain for those that want it.
- All children will be collected at 3:30pm.
- There is no longer a one way system.
- Packed lunch boxes can be brought back into school.





School organisation

Classes

After our recruitment process, we can now announce the teachers for each class from September.

Class	Teacher
Nursery	Mrs Walker
Reception	Miss O'Reilly
Year 1	Miss Readman
Year 2	Mrs Riley
Year 3	Miss Lydon (new)
Year 4	Miss Stobbs
Year 5	Miss McManus
Year 6	Miss Stephenson (new)

The children will spend some time on Thursday pm with their new teacher. However, Year 5 children will not meet Miss Stephenson until next week, although they have already met her when she taught them an angles lesson during her interview.

Arrival and collection

All children need to be in school between 8:45-9am. Children will be marked late after this time. All children will be collected at 3:30pm. Apart from Nursery who have times of 8:45 to 11:45 or 12:45 to 3:30-3:45. There will be staff on each door and in the yards to support the changes.

Class	Arrival area	Collecting area
Nursery	Main EYFS door	Main EYFS door
Reception	EYFS garden	EYFS garden
Year 1	Y1 classroom door	Main hall doors
Year 2	Y2 classroom door	Y2 classroom door
Year 3	Side entrance near the carpark	Side of the yard near the wooden equipment
Year 4	Side entrance near the carpark	Side of the yard near the wooden equipment
Year 5	Side entrance near the Church	Side entrance near the Church
Year 6	Side entrance near the Church	Side entrance near the Church

We allow children in year 6 to walk home without an adult with written permission. Please send in a brief note stating permission is granted to do this.

This can be arranged for year 5 pupils, but it needs to be discussed with the office in advance; written permission is then needed. .

Year 6 pupils are allowed to bring a mobile phone to school. The phones are kept secure during the day.

Dinner-time

As you know, this year we have separated the children whilst eating their meals into bubbles and different years. We will be attempting to get the children back into the dining room from September.

- The Nursery children, who stay all day, will eat in the nursery room still and must bring a packed lunch.
- Reception to year two children all receive a free meal provided for school (called Universal Free School Meals). All children in these year groups will be encouraged to eat a school meal. You can discuss individual needs with Mrs Tumelty.
- Year three to year six pupils can bring a packed lunch or have a school dinner.

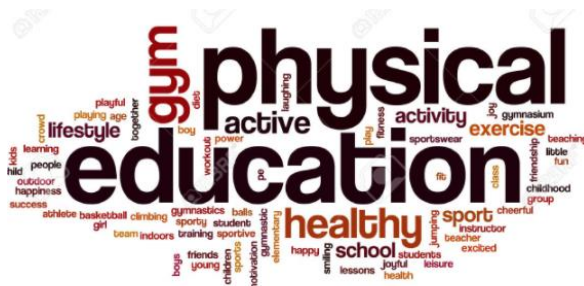




This consists of

- White plain t-shirt
- Plain navy jumper/ hoody or school jumper
- Plain navy shorts/ tracksuit bottoms or leggings

We have been very lenient with uniform that doesn't adhere to policy this year due to COVID and shops being closed. Please buy your uniform in advance.



Class	PE days
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Friday

Personal items

Although we are no longer restricting items due to COVID, we are still restricting some items, as they are not necessary in schools.

Items allowed in school

- A small bag
- Reading books from home
- Daily water bottle with fresh water
- Coat – even if the sun is shining.

Items not allowed in school

- Personal items
- Pencil cases
- Large bags

Uniform

Our uniform requirements are very simple as items can easily be purchased at many shops. Please support us in ensuring that your child wears the correct uniform.

Our school uniform policy can be found on the school website. It consists of

- Black school shoes- not trainers.
- Grey trousers / shorts/ skirt/ dress
- Blue polo t-shirt
- Blue school jumper which is available from Emblematic and Initial Images.



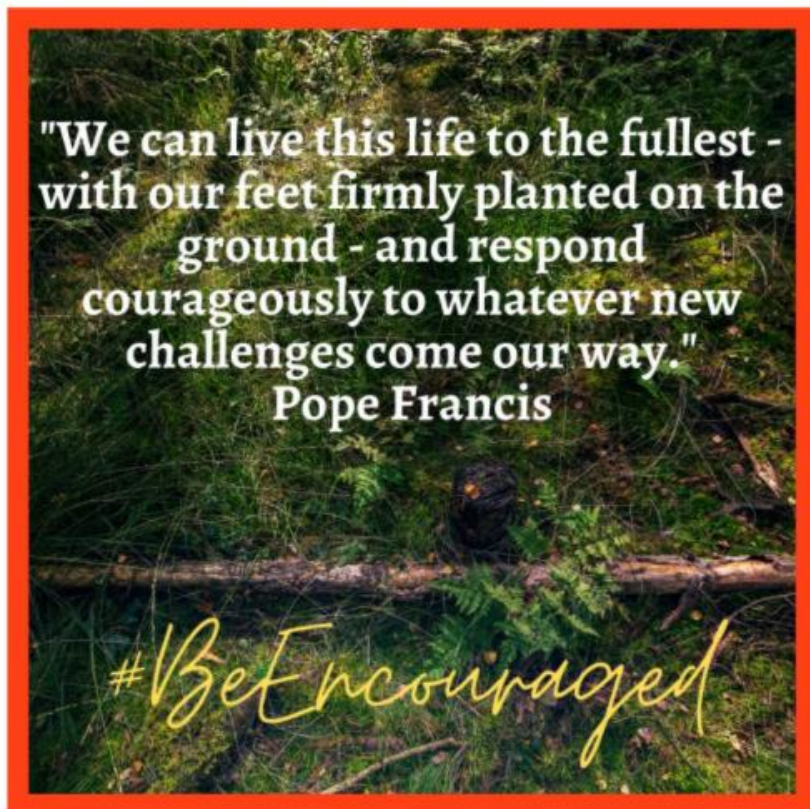


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**Reminder that school closes at 1:30pm on Thursday 22nd July
and opens on Tuesday 7th September for all pupils.**



The children and staff have all worked incredibly hard this last year and it has been difficult for everyone. As always, the staff do not expect any gifts at the end of the year. It is a tradition that has been happening for a long time and we know that the children like to say thank you. The staff are very grateful for anything you send, but a smile from your child is enough to make them happy.

We are looking forward to delivering the two week summer provision. Let's hope that the weeks are enjoyable.

Week 1: 26th- 30th July – Grassroots. The club starts at 10am, but we have a flexible drop off from 9am. Collect from 3-3:30pm.

Week 2: 2nd - 6th August- School staff. 9:30-3pm

We don't have any funded places left for Grassroots, but they have places available at full price on their website for £40 www.grassrootssports.co.uk. We do have spaces left for the school summer week at the price of £25 for the week. You can pay via Parent Pay. This closes at 3pm on Friday.

Have a lovely holiday.

Mrs Graham, Mrs Tumelty and the school staff.

