ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Christ is the centre of our school community where we live, love and learn together.

Monday 19th July 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

Saint Thomas More School Organisation 2021-2022

We are planning for normality in September; as we know COVID 19 is currently escalating, despite the country going back to normal, so unfortunately, it is subject to change.

Some changes that were made, because of COVID, are staying as they have worked! Others are changing back to pre-COVID days.

The children return to school on **Monday 6th September**. Our new Reception children are starting in two cohorts. Reception parents have received these dates in their welcome packs.
Homework will be issued in week 2, allowing us to issue the reading books in the first instance.

School Day timings

	Start *Drift in*	Registration	break	lunch	End *Staggered*
EYFS	8.35-8.50 **Reception gate**	8:55		11.15	3.10 **Reception Gate**
KS1	8.35-8.50	8:55	10.15-10.30	11.45	3.10 **Main gate**
LKS2	8.35-8.50	8:55	10.35-10.50	12.10-1.00	3.15 **Main gate**
USK2	8.35-8.50	8:55	10.35-10.50	12.10-1.00	3.20 Main gate

Children arriving after 9am are late and will receive an L mark on the register.
Children arriving after 9:15am will receive a U mark on the register. This means that your child has missed their morning mark.

Attendance and lates

Attendance expectations and procedures will be fully enforced from September. You must call the office on the morning of a child's absence. Children must be in school on time, being late seriously disrupts learning. Further information regarding attendance will be issued in September.

Hot dinners

These will be returning to normal! You will have received a separate letter about this, alongside the menus. These can also be found on the website. The children will be eating in the hall and the studio in their phases. **If your child is currently bringing a packed lunch to school but would like to return to hot meals, please notify school as soon as possible.** Children moving from Year 2 into Year 3 in September will no longer receive their lunches for free unless entitled to Free School Meals under Pupil Premium. Parents are able to apply directly here.

Milk and toast

We are happy to be able to offer this again. A message has been sent about how to book this.

Mid-morning snack and water

Please continue to provide your child with a labelled water bottle. The children may only have water in this. The midmorning snack, if you choose to provide one, may be fruit and NOT junk food. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be provided with fruit.

Healthy lunches

If your child is having a packed lunch, please make sure it is balanced and healthy. If we have concerns about the contents of the lunch, we will be in contact to see if we can support in any way.

PE days and PE kit

The children will have two PE sessions a week as normal, although if the children have swimming lessons, they will just have that session as it is extended. (Reception have just one scheduled session)

Children will come to school in their PE kits. If they have a **sports after school club**, they may also wear their **STM PE kit to school** instead of getting changed. The only time this will be affected is school photo day. Will we be reinforcing the correct kit however:

- **Red STM t-shirt**
- **Plain black shorts**
- **Trainers**
- **For colder weather please provide a plain black hoodie and plain black tracksuit trousers**

PE days:

	Session 1	**Session 2**
Reception	Thursday	
Year 1M	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 1/2W	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 2S	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 3M	Monday	Wednesday
Year 3CP	Wednesday	Friday
Year 4D	Wed (swimming in Autumn – from the first week)	A second session will resume once swimming has finished
Year 4B	Wed (swimming in Autumn – from the first week)	A second session will resume once swimming has finished
Year 5M	Monday	Friday
Year 5CG	Monday	Friday
Year 6J	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 6P	Wednesday	Thursday

Year 4, Year 3 and Year 5 will be having swimming lessons. We will start with Year 4 in the Autumn term. Please ensure the children are well prepared with a swim bag, towel, swim suit and goggles.

Uniform and hair

Whilst we have been understanding and lenient over the past year, **full school uniform** will be **expected from September.**

The children MAY wear summer uniform up until October half term if the weather is warm.

Girls' winter uniform:

- School tie
- Plain white long sleeved shirt
- Red cardigan
- Grey skirt, pinafore dress or smart trousers
- Knee length grey socks or grey or red tights
- Plain black shoes (not trainers)
- Hair tied back and school colours – red, grey or black – hair accessories (please ensure that bows are not too large otherwise we will ask for them to be removed)
- Plain stud earrings only

Boys' winter uniform:

- School tie
- Plain white long sleeved shirt
- Red V neck jumper
- Grey trousers or shorts
- Grey socks
- Plain black shoes (not trainers)
- Hair tied back if it gets in the way of working
- Plain studded earrings only

Make-up and extreme or fashion hair styles are not permitted.

Communication

We communicate a lot! All our letters are saved on the school website if you are unsure of something, we text out and we use social media also. Please make sure you are reading the information that comes to your way. We will still avoid traffic to the office, where possible. There will be staff on the gates to take messages and answer questions.

Clubs

Adam's clubs will start from week 1 – information has already gone out about this. Other clubs will be communicated about in the Autumn term.

Assemblies

The children will have a **Mission Assembly** on a Monday – half the children will have it in the hall and the other half will watch via teams, and then they will swap the week after. This way we are still avoiding the whole school being together through the Autumn term.

God's Gifts (celebration) Assemblies will take place in the classrooms with Mrs Madia and Mr Breslin on a Friday. These names will be celebrated in the newsletter.

Class Assemblies will take place over the year. Parents will be invited to these and the phase will watch also.

Termly Awards – these will take place three times a year and parents will be invited to attend.

Book looks, Parent Inspire Workshops and dates

We plan to reinstate both the book looks and the parents workshop and we also plan to do an open morning/tour in September. Dates to follow.

Dates for the year will go out in September once they have been finalised.

Term dates have been issued but can be found on the website.

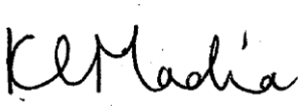
Again, the children return in September on **Monday 6th September.**

Bags/Book bags

Your children do not need to bring much to school and so will either need a school book bag or a small bag for their reading book and homework.

We look forward to working with you again next year,

With warmest regards,



K Madia
Principal