

Dear parents / carers

Thank you for your patience and ongoing support during this very difficult time.

I have never experienced, in my 26 years as a teacher, a more unusual start to a school year.

Your children are a credit to you; they have returned to school with enthusiasm and joy.

It is wonderful to see St Mark's full of happy, smiling children again.

ST MARK'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL



11/09/2020



PE and Sports in School

Please send your child into school **wearing their PE kit** on the days listed below.

Tuesday – Year 1

Tuesday – Year 2

Wednesday – Year 3

Wednesday – Year 4

Thursday – Year 5

Thursday – Year 6

Children should wear their shorts and polo shirt with a sweatshirt and joggers on top. If the weather is fair, we will take the children outdoors. If it is very poor weather the children will do PE in the hall.



Trainers should only be worn on your child's PE day. School shoes should be worn at all other times.

School Lunches

We have several children in school who have serious nut-allergies. Could I remind parents to consider this when making up packed lunches.

We are presently working with the Local Authority to ensure all pupils are offered a hot school meal before the end of the half term.

Birthday cakes

Unfortunately, we will not be able to share birthday cakes within school at this moment.

Coronavirus reminders

Do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms of coronavirus or if anyone in the household has symptoms. Isolate your child and the whole household in line with government guidance (14 days for household members) and inform the school immediately by email to office@stmarksrcprimary.co.uk or phone 0191 2869349.

Thank you for all your support with the **new staggered starts and end times**, I know we have had a few teething problems and we are constantly reviewing the procedures.

- **Your child should arrive at their start time;** some children are arriving 10-15 minutes early – this impacts on social distancing as they enter the school gates.
- There is a lack of social distancing by some adults outside the school gates – **I am advising adults to wear a face mask/shield when bringing their children to school.**
- **Only one adult per family** to bring and collect the children.
- **No dogs on the school or church premises.**

This system is new to us all and we are doing our best to ensure the safety of all by following government guidance. I'm sure if we continue to work together we will get through this challenging time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Alison Miller

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Todd who is expecting her first child in November.



Access to the school office will be strictly by appointment only.

Contact with school can be by either by telephone 0191 2869349

or email office@stmarksrcprimary.co.uk

All school information and updates can be found on the school website www.stmarksrcprimary.co.uk