



# Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Executive Headteacher - Mr P Ackers  
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Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new academic year in Year Three! I am looking forward to coming to know my new class and I'm sure we will make a strong start with learning the routines and expectations in Year Three, helped by our teaching assistant Mrs Hollingworth. This letter serves as an introduction to new routines, alongside a brief reminder of current routines we have in place at Saint Marys.

## Contact

If you need to contact me at any time please telephone or email the school office (info@mgl.srscmat.co.uk) who will forward on any messages.

## Drop off and Pick Up

As last year, we will continue with the same extended drop off from 8.40am – 8.55am. Members of the SLT and Pastoral Team will be on hand on the playground and to minimise congestion, we ask that you please do not stay after your child has been dropped off.

If your child arrives late (after 8.55 am), then you must remain with your child outside the school gates and contact the school office by using the intercom. A staff member will then come and collect your child and sign them in on the Visitor pod.

The end of the school day is 3:15pm pick up for all years, and Year Three are to be collected from the school playground and a member of Staff will bring your child/ren to you. Please wait respectfully and where possible at a distance on the playground.

## Uniform

Please ensure your child's uniform conforms with our dress code (which can be found on our website), and all uniform including PE kit, hats, coats are labelled. Lost property can quickly accumulate and without names it is very hard to make sure coats and jumpers are returned to the right pupil.

## Dinners, Drinks and Snacks

The school continues to run a flexible dining scheme, and school lunches can be ordered in school and paid for via ParentPay. Due to current restrictions, children do not have access to the water fountains in Key Stage 2 so they will need to bring a fresh water-bottle daily that will stay in class. Please ensure the bottle is named and that it contains only water – no juice or flavoured water.

Our school snack policy remains in place with pupils bringing fruit or vegetables on Mondays to Thursdays, and Friday being a 'treat' day such as crisps or cereal bar.



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## Reading

Please ensure your child reads every night after school as per the school's reading policy, in Key Stage Two we recommend a minimum of 10 -15 minutes a night. Frequent reading sessions at home with a parent is key to a child's success in reading, but also in many other areas of the curriculum. It is important that you comment in the reading diaries at least five times a week (with your child writing in daily when they have read). Please include the date and page number reached. Shared reading and discussion of the story are very helpful. Please encourage your child to read with expression, and to express opinions about the characters in the story, the plot, and what might happen next.

## Homework

Your child will be given a homework book and a weekly task to complete that will support their learning in class that week. Homework will be given on a Monday and to be completed and returned to school the following Monday. As always, please ensure work is dated and only pencil used to help with presentation. Any loose sheets are to be stuck in with glue or Sellotape.

## Spellings

During Year Three, your child will be given weekly spellings which will be given out on Friday to be tested the following Friday, these will include words that follow a spelling rule, and also commonly misspelt words per the Year 3/4 National Curriculum. Our first spelling test will start on Friday 16th September, and we continue to use the Spelling Shed website/app to help with spelling practice.

## PE

Year Three will have PE on a Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and the children are to come to school in their PE kit on those days and wearing their school hoodie, jumper or cardigan (not a sports hoodie or fleece). A reminder that earrings cannot be worn for PE and should not be worn on PE days as Teaching Staff are not permitted to remove them.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the School Office.

Many thanks,

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