



# Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to first welcome you back to Saint Mary's for the start of a new year. I am very much looking forward to teaching this class (again!) and I know that we will have another fantastic year together. The children have settled back in to school life already, remembering the routines and expectations and making a strong start to Year 6.

We understand that in Year 6 some children may walk to/from school independently. If this is the case, children are allowed to bring their mobile phone into school. Phones must be turned off before they enter the school grounds in the morning and must not be switched back on until they have left school grounds at the end of the day. Phones must be handed into the class teacher on arrival. Please make sure you have filled in the consent form on the separate letter regarding mobile phones.

Please ensure your child's uniform conforms with our school dress code, a copy of which can be found on our website. To help with returning lost property, please ensure all items are labelled including P.E kits and coats.

Please ensure children bring a water bottle for during class time. A reminder that the bottles must only contain water. If children bring in a snack for morning break, please make sure it is fruit or vegetables on Mondays to Thursdays. Friday remains a 'treat' day when they can bring crisps, cereal bar etc.

Our school reading policy remains as in previous years. Children in Upper Key Stage 2 are required to read for 15 minutes per night. Regular reading at home is vitally important to ensure children become confident readers. We understand that many children will complete independent reading but we would ask that parents please check and sign their reading record too. Please make sure each entry is dated with the page number they have read up to.

Homework will be given out on a Monday and should be completed and returned to school the following Monday. Homework will be linked to the weekly Maths or English objectives. It should be dated and completed neatly in pencil. Spellings will be given out on a Friday to be learnt during the week and tested the following Friday. These words will either follow a particular rule or be from the Year 5/6 statutory spelling lists.

Our first spelling test will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Children should continue to use Spelling Shed to practise spellings.

For the first half term, Year 6 will have P.E. on a Monday and a Wednesday. They should come to school in their full PE kit. Please remember, earrings must not be worn for P.E and should be removed before coming to school that day.

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

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks,

Miss Pasiecznik



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