



2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent/ carer

I hope you have had a restful summer break and that your family and friends are keeping well.

I'm writing to you before the start of term to reassure you that St Matthias is following current guidance and taking steps to make sure the return to school for all is a safe one.

The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of September are staff training days and pupils are not in school. In the week from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding home/school meetings, conducting covid tests on site and you will be contacted about the times your child should be in school.

If your child develops COVID symptoms, do not send them in to school. Please notify school immediately and arrange to be tested. If a pupil develops symptoms during the school day, you will be contacted and must self-isolate until they have been tested negative.

COVID is still a very serious illness and pupils who act in a way that poses a risk to others may not be able to be in school.

For two weeks, we will be having lower numbers on site to allow for testing and make sure everyone understands the procedures in school and is clear about our expectations. Staff will visit pupils on the days they are not in school and home work packs will be delivered.

The school will start at 9:15 and finish at 2:15 until 17<sup>th</sup> September. Hand sanitiser is in all classrooms and around the school and equipment will not be shared and it will be disinfected at the end of the day. We also have additional cleaning staff in school to make sure regularly touched surfaces are clean.

School meals will be available and pupils will be required to wash their hands before and after eating. For those not on site and entitled to free school meals, vouchers will be provided.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community as safe as possible.

Kind regards

*Aileen Morrison*