



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

St Mark's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have seen new laws put in place across the country in relation to the pandemic. The increased rate of Covid-19 infections in London and nationally is troubling and may be worrying you and your family. I am also aware that the pandemic is having a significant effect on some peoples' employment. If your circumstances have changed in recent weeks, please contact the school and we will do all that we can to assist you.

With this in mind, it is important that as a school community we increase our safety measures. Unfortunately, Covid-19 is not going to go away for some time, but together we must ensure that all children and staff are kept as safe as possible at school. Following local authority advice, from Monday 5th October all parents will be required to wear a face covering on the school site. Staff will also be wearing these when in contact with parents. This still means that you will need to keep the 2 metre social distance rule with staff and other parents. There will also be changes to start and finish times for children to allow the older ones in first to reduce congestion at the gate, please see below for more information.

Your help with these matters is appreciated.

Best Wishes, Ms Braithwaite

Revised arrival and departure times for children from Monday 5th October.

Class/Phase	New start time	New finish time
Amber	8:55	11:45am
Pearl	8:55	3:00pm
Reception	8:55	3:10pm
Phase 2 Y1,2,3	8:55	3:20pm
Phase 3 Y4,5,6	8.50am	3:15pm

Listening exercise:

Parent Governor, Anna Seymour, would love to hear parents' reflections on their experiences of homeschooling during lockdown, both the energising moments and the more challenging ones. The idea is to get insights into how we can strengthen the parent-child-teacher dynamic in delivering education moving forward. If you would like get involved, please email Anna on annalouiseseymour@gmail.com.

Uniform

St Mark's is a uniform wearing school and when children join us their parents and carers sign an agreement to this effect. Unfortunately, this academic year, we have seen too many children not wearing proper uniform. Jumpers and polo shirts must have the St Mark's logo. Socks or tights should be grey, shoes black, trousers, skirts or pinafores should be grey. Tracksuit bottoms or leggings are not part of the school uniform. Jumpers and polo shirts can be purchased from the school office on Fridays between 9am and 9.30am or 2pm to 2.30pm.

Please note that this half term, class assemblies will be filmed and uploaded onto 'Google Classroom' for parents to view.

Dates For Your Diary

Y6 Class Assembly	Tuesday 6 st October
Y3 Class Assembly	Tuesday 13 th October
Y4 Class Assembly	Tuesday 20 th October
Half term	Mon 26th -Fri 30th October
Parent consultations	Teachers will phone parents at allocated times during the week beginning 16 Nov
End of term	Friday 18 th December -2pm

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's School Vision