



St. Matthew's High Brooms C.E. Primary School
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Friday 5th June

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child is returning to school on Monday 8th June in their colour group.

It is important that everyone follows the distancing measures we have put in place for pick up and drop off times. The cones will be laid out on the slope leading up to the double gates and leaving a gap where the road is, the cones will continue into the car park. Please arrive at the allotted time to avoid crowds gathering. We ask everyone not to travel to school on public transport and to follow social distancing when walking to and from school. It is particularly important that if your child walks on their own that they are aware of the rules. If you would like your child to walk home on their own, then please dojo your class teacher to inform them.

If your child is not well, you should not send them into school. If anyone in your household is told to self-isolate that you keep your child at home. If a member of staff is unwell or told to self-isolate, we will endeavour to use a member of staff who is not teaching in another group to cover, however if we cannot staff the group we will have to close that group. If anyone in a group is tested positive for COVID 19, then the whole group would be sent home and unable to return until the period of self-isolation had passed. If your child cannot come into school, please email carly.buckwell@st-matthews.kent.sch.uk and send a dojo to the class teacher.

It is also important that as you are sending your child into school to be with others that as a family you are following all the guidelines in place at present. I'm sure you have seen the crowds of people that have gathered at beaches or parks. If we are putting in strict hygiene and social distancing measures in place in school, we need to be sure that families are sticking to the guidelines at home too to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

To help your child understand the measures that are in place please look at the guide we have produced for children on our school website. <https://st-matthews-school.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/presentation-to-parents-June-opening-childrens-version.pdf>

Please make sure that the children bring everything with them in a bag on Monday, lunch, water bottle, sunhat and a playground toy. If the weather is sunny, please apply suncream before children come into school. They should be in own clothes that are suitable for being outside and doing PE in if needed – no strappy tops. Trainers should also be worn – no sliders, flip flops or sandals. If the weather forecast is for rain, they should bring a waterproof.

The teacher for your child's group will let you know if there is anything specific they need to bring in to school.

The children will be taught about the new systems in place to ensure safety for everyone. If a child cannot follow the rules and makes themselves, other children or staff unsafe by their actions, they will not be able to attend.





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The teachers have been in this week, setting up classrooms, organising rotas and collecting resources for children to use. Although school will be different, they are looking forward to the challenge and are keen to see the children in school again.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs S Hayward
Headteacher

