



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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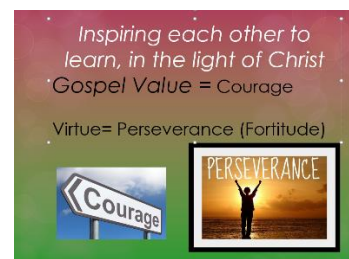
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a super busy week in school. I am sure the children have told you about all the things we have done for the first time in over 18 months. We have enjoyed whole school liturgy in the hall. We all wondered if the children would remember the routines but they were amazing especially those that have never been in the hall before.



Another good experience has been seeing the different children playing together at playtime. The children are all mixing well together, showing they care for each other.



Finally, I wanted to mention the lunches. The children have all been superb. In Key Stage One, most of the children are willing to try the hot school lunches and they have all quickly adjusted to the new routines. In Key Stage 2 we have managed to find a way to get the hot lunches to the children so that they can stay with their friends which is so great to see. If you would like more details or to register your child <https://www.hotmealsonwheels.com/online-registration>



On Wednesday we had our first 'Fire Drill' of the year! We had new sounders and they were very loud but again the children responded well and were out of the building and registered within 3 mins and 30 seconds. Another sound we have not heard for a long time are the school bells; due to the staggered times we had turned them off but they are back and the children stop and respond as soon as they hear them.



Hopefully, this update has given you a flavour of life back in school.

Thank you for all your feedback and suggestions for dropping off and picking up at school. We have listened, discussed and taken on some of your ideas. We are going to open up the side gate a little earlier so that parents can come in and wait with their child until the classes open. **Parents will be responsible for their child and must not leave them unaccompanied. Children must not go on the play equipment.** We are also going to create a space for our Year 3 parents to come in and wait until the classes open. Please see the plan below which we will also send on an email. Hopefully this plan will reduce the number of parents in front of school. If you are a parent in FS2, Year 1 or Year 3 and also have a child in year 4,5,6 we can arrange for them to be released to walk to the back of the school and meet you. Please email the office and we will do our best to make this work for you.

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**"Inspiring each other to learn, in the light of Christ"**

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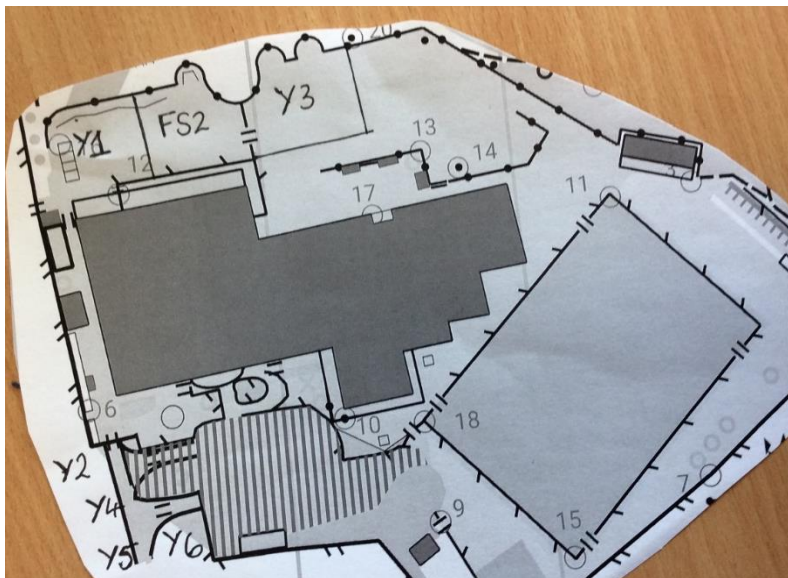
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**The side gate will open for FS2, Year 1 and Year 3 parents at 8.35am.**

Parents come in and stand in designated areas with children and wait for the teachers to call the children in at 8.45am.

**Please see the map below:**



For **FS2** the designated area for parents to wait is at the **back of the Yellow Railings**

For **Year 1** the designated area for parents to wait is in **front of Year 1**

For **Year 3** the designated area for parents to wait is at the **back of the Year 3 classrooms by the wall of the bank.**

**Children must not go on the equipment. Parents are responsible for their child until 8.45am.**

**Year 2** continue to enter and leave via the front gate

**Year 4** continue to enter and leave via the car park entrance

**Year 5** and **Year 6** continue to enter and leave car park exit

**End of the day – 3:15 for all year groups and Foundation Stage**

*The side gate will open at 3.10pm so that parents can come in to get to their waiting stations same as in the morning.*

**Y1** in front of Year 1

**FS2** at the back of the yellow railings

**Year 3** parents at the back of Year 3 classrooms by the wall of the bank

The children will be released to you by the teachers. There are 22 children in Year 4/5/6 that have siblings in Year 3, if it helps parents can email the office and we will arrange for these children walk round to meet their parents at the back of Year 3.

We hope that this is helpful to as many parents and carers as possible.

We are planning to hold our 'Information Evenings' for each year group on Tuesday 21st September.

The teachers for each year group will send you a link via Zoom. They will also video the presentation and share it via the Google Classroom or Tapestry, this way if you cannot be there live you will be able to still catch up on the information.

FS2/Year 5/Year 6 – 3:45pm

Year 3/Year 2 – 4.15pm

Year 4/Year 1 – 4.45pm

The children have all been assigned to their new Google Classroom where the teachers will regularly post information and the homework. Please can you make sure that your child has logged in as so far only 40% of the children have.

Don't forget to share with us any successes that your child has achieved outside of school. Please send in photos of your child with their achievements we would love to see and share them ([office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk)).

We were able to celebrate the house points at the end of the liturgy today. Well done Blue House!

Red – 268 Yellow – 292 Green – 213 Blue - 285



Thank you for your continued support.

*Helen Armstrong*

Yours faithfully,  
Helen Armstrong