

St Matthew's Primary School
Wenlock Street
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2nd October 2020

UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

As we move into October, I would like to update you with how things are progressing at St Matthew's.

Firstly, thank you for your continued co-operation and for being vigilant with spotting potential symptoms, either in your children or in your households. This is crucial to our community staying well. I am very pleased to inform you that the class who were isolating due to a confirmed case in September have all returned to school fully well. Fortunately only three people were tested (only one had minor symptoms) and all were negative. The class were able to continue their learning at home using Google Classroom. Our 'class' bubble system continues to be the safest method for minimising the exposure and the spread if we were to have another confirmed case. I am sure you are aware of many local schools who have had entire year groups needing to isolate at home.

The children are presenting as happy in school and have settled quickly back into learning. The teachers have already established positive relationships with their classes. Our new Foundation Stage children are now in full time and we have been delighted to see how eager they are to explore and learn. We have been working on developing our school curriculum to ensure all skills, knowledge and experiences are covered, with a heavy focus on the wellbeing of children, including physical health. Children in Y2 to Y6 are on the whole enjoying their additional PE opportunities at lunchtime. Usually we are busy planning trips and visits to make our curriculum come alive. I am sure you can understand that we are currently unable to be as creative as we usually are.

Teachers have been working on establishing next steps in learning for the children in their class. This information will be shared with you at an individual appointment. These will be conducted over the phone, as there was no safe way to accommodate all parents in school unfortunately. Please make sure you book in via ParentMail as per the text yesterday. This will be a 10 minute slot for each child. Any messages or queries on a day to day basis can be communicated at the gates at the start or end of the day, emailed to the admin email address or telephoned through.

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Myself, Mr Parker, Mr Bell, Mrs Crawford and Miss Powell have enjoyed being available around the school perimeter daily and have been able to talk to many parents, carers and pupils. Please do stop us and say hello, or ask us any questions you may have. We each have a socially distanced lunch with a different group of children on a Friday, known in school as 'Come Dine with Us'. Children have an opportunity to tell us how they feel about school, what they feel is working well, what not so well; and are also able to make suggestions about improvements that could be made from their perspective. Year 4's turn today!

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation

Yours sincerely

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