



# ST. MARK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Mr A Hutcheson, Head Teacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope the children are looking forward to their return to school tomorrow. Further to the guide which was emailed out to you, I wanted to highlight one or two important points which should ensure that all of our children have a smooth start to the term.

## **DROP OFF AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS**

The guide showed which gates the children should enter and exit from each day. I have included a copy of these pictures once again in order for you to familiarise yourself and your child with them before you make the journey to school tomorrow. Staff will be on hand to direct children and to help dismiss them at the end of the day. **Parents must not enter the playground. The school car park will also be closed to ensure safe passage for pupils.**

It is essential that we limit the number of people in and around the school in order to allow all adults to socially distance from each other. As has been the case in other areas of life (such as supermarkets), it will be helpful if only one adult brings the child(ren) to the gate and moves on quickly to allow others access.

Where possible, if you can encourage older children to approach the gates themselves at the start of the day and leave independently at the end of the day, this will help to reduce congestion on the pavement. You may want to agree a meeting point that is not directly beside the gate, but is close enough for them to safely meet up with you.

Entry through the gates and straight into the school for a soft start will take place from 8:45am onwards.

The school day remains 9am till 3pm.

P1 pupils should start at 9:30am on their first day.

Initially, **P1 pupils will be dismissed from 2:50pm** and **P2 pupils will be dismissed from 2:55pm** onwards at the main gate. \*The guide stated that both P1 and P2 would be dismissed from 2:55pm, but we have revised this to further stagger the exits. If P2 parents can stand further along the pavement initially, this will allow P1 parents to collect their children and clear the area.

**Please remember to socially distance from other adults when waiting to collect your child. Please be assured that we will keep your child with us until it is safe for them to exit with you.**

## **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Bishopton Out of School Care will continue to run our breakfast club service from 8am on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Children must be registered with them before they are allowed to attend. Pupils should access from Gate 4, where they will be met by a member of the Breakfast club staff at the lunch hall door. Should you wish your child to attend please contact Bishopton Out of School Care directly.

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## SCHOOL LUNCHES

School lunch menus are now available [here](#) . Primary 1 to 3 children are entitled to free lunches. Lunches are available to all other Primary 4 to 7 children who receive Free School Meals or who wish to purchase a lunch. Children are also welcome to bring a healthy snack for playtime and a packed lunch. There will be no tuck shop until further notice.

## SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

As stated in the guide, children should wear school uniform and are allowed to bring school bags, pencil cases, water bottles, lunch boxes to school. **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING.** Children must have a full water bottle with them, cups cannot be provided.

Your child's class teacher will issue details of P.E. and Outdoor Learning days. You can send in their P.E. kit / outdoor clothing in a labelled bag with them from the start of term if you would prefer them to keep it in school on their peg.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL WITH MOBILE PHONES.** If you feel your child has to bring their mobile phone to school with them it will be collected in and stored securely during the school day and returned to them as they leave.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Communication will be key to ensuring that all of our families are kept up to date on any developments or adjustments as the term goes on. Please ensure the contact details that we hold for you are up to date so that you receive emails, texts and newsletters from the school. We would also encourage you to follow our school Twitter account at <https://twitter.com/StMarksPrimary1> .

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to seeing the children tomorrow for a positive first day of the new school year.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Hutcheson

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## PUPIL ACCESS POINTS



GATE 1: P1 & P2 pupils      GATE 2: Staff & Visitors



GATE 3- P4a & P5 pupils



GATE 4: P3 & P4B pupils



GATE 5: P6 & P7 pupils, Greenhouse room