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Dear Parent/Carer

Return to school update

I am writing to you regarding our planned model of Learning and Teaching for August. As you would expect all planning and preparation for the session ahead must take into account the most up to date Government guidelines and, as such, may be subject to adaption.

Due to current physical distancing requirements of 2m, it is not possible to have all pupils in class at the same time. Review of class sizes would suggest that 10 pupils can be in practical classrooms and 14/15 can attend non-practical classrooms.

Therefore to accommodate the reduction in numbers of pupils permitted to attend Saint Matthew's at one time, and to maximise the opportunity for them to experience face-to-face contact with their teachers, we have separated our school roll in to two groups: Cohort A and Cohort B.

Cohort A will be pupils with surnames beginning with letters A through to L and Cohort B will be pupils with surnames beginning with letters M through to Z. This should allow family groups to remain together.

To ensure equity of delivery across the week we anticipate Monday and Thursday being long days and Tuesday and Friday being short days.

Each week attendance will be as follows:

Cohort A (A-L)

Day	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Learning	**In school**	**In school**	At home	At home	At home

Cohort B (M-Z)

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Learning	At home	At home	At home	**In school**	**In school**

Staff will return on the 10th of August and Cohort A will attend on the 11th with Cohort B starting on 13th.

I will write again next week with more information on the finer details of the school days in Saint Matthew's Academy. I am grateful to you all for your understanding and patience as we work on the safest and best way to deliver learning and teaching for your child. I will update you all further as soon as I can.

Yours sincerely,

S Colligan

Head Teacher