



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Full Reopening of School – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

I am writing to you again to provide further information about the full reopening of school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

The announcement earlier this week may have caused mixed emotions amongst our community. Whilst many may be celebrating a return to some normality, and the hope that is on the horizon, others may still, understandably, be worried about coronavirus and the increased social contact announced. There is no right or wrong reaction to this news and, as a school, we will do our very best to guide our school family through the coming months in the safest way possible. Whilst we are very proud of the work children have done in school this last term, we are incredibly excited about having all of our children physically return to school. We recognise, however, that for some children this will be a tricky transition, and we will be there to support all children as they return. I am aware that 'catch up' and 'lost learning' are phrases you will have heard in the news a lot recently, but please try not to worry about what children have lost or are missing in terms of their learning. Where there are some gaps in learning, our teaching staff will do what they have always done and work out what these are and teach them from this point. In many cases, children will return to school having gained additional knowledge or skills they may not have done otherwise. We will make adaptations to our curriculum where necessary to ensure children have the key, foundational knowledge to build on in the coming years.

I have attached the full reopening guide we created for our return in September, with details amended and updated for this return. Any changes have been highlighted in yellow, but you may wish to familiarise yourself with the whole document. Whilst it is a long document, we felt it was important to have all this information at hand in one place. If you have any further questions after reading the document, please contact the school office who will be happy to support. I would like to highlight a few key details for our return:

**Before Your Child Leaves Home in The Morning**

Please check your child for any of the following [symptoms](#)

- high temperature (37.8 degrees or more)
- loss of taste or smell
- new continuous cough.



If any of these symptoms are evident, do not send them to school, contact our school office on 0161 865 1284 or email [admin@stmatthewsco.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmatthewsco.co.uk). Government advice, which can be found [here](#), must be followed.

**School Dinners**

School dinners will again revert to a week of sandwiches and a week of hot meals. Please order these in advance using Evolve. Ideally, to support us in ordering food for the following week, we would kindly ask that you order meals for the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> March by the end of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Following this week, all meals should be ordered a week in advance by the previous Sunday. You can order several weeks in advance and we would always recommend this to avoid forgetting – not ordering meals in advance can result in children being provided with the default meal of jacket potato and beans.

Let Your Light Shine

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## Kickstart

Kickstart Breakfast and Afterschool Club contracts that were paused in January will restart from 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you wish to enquire about a new contract, or book any ad-hoc sessions, please do this via their website – [www.wearekickstart.com](http://www.wearekickstart.com) from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March. We are exploring the possibility of opening after school sports clubs following the Easter holidays and will be in touch about this during March with further information.

## School Uniform

School continues to ask that children are sent to school in their uniform. We ask that you send children to school in a clean uniform, although no additional cleaning is required due to coronavirus. As a school, we understand that elements of school uniform may be harder to source whilst non-essential shops are closed (e.g. shoes where feet require measuring). The majority of our uniform can be purchased at supermarkets. If you require any sweatshirts or other items, we are delighted to announce that we now have an additional uniform stockist:

### Little Angels

490 Wilbraham Rd  
Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
Manchester  
M21 9AS  
Tel: 0161 881 3895

Current prices are as follows:

Sweatshirt: £10  
Cardigan: £12  
White polo shirt with logo: £6.99  
School backpack: £11.99  
School book bag: £8.99

If you wish to purchase from Little Angels, please give them a call on the number above and they will be able to assist you. If you have any difficulty sourcing any elements of school uniform, please contact the school office in the first instance, who will be able to assist.

## Attendance

School attendance once again becomes mandatory for all children from 8<sup>th</sup> March. We understand that parents and carers may have concerns about sending children back to school following this national lockdown. However, we will be doing everything possible to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our families and staff. If you do have any concerns, please speak to a member of staff about these before our full reopening. Where children are following public health advice, e.g. self-isolating or shielding, absences will not be penalised.

## Drop off and collection times

We will still be operating a staggered start and finish based on teams. Here is a reminder of the times:

<u>Rec – Y6</u>	<b>Mandela</b>	<b>Turing</b>	<b>Malala</b>	<b>Pankhurst</b>
<b>Drop-off</b>	8.40-8.45	8.45-8.50	8.50-8.55	8.55-9.00
<b>Collection</b>	2.55-3.00	3.00-3.05	3.05-3.10	3.10-3.15
<u>Nursery</u>	<b>Full-time</b>	<b>Morning</b>		<b>Afternoon</b>
<b>Drop-off</b>	8.45-9.00	8.45-9.00		12.00-12.15
<b>Collection</b>	3.00-3.15	11.45-12.00		3.00-3.15

We look forward to seeing all of our families from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you have any further questions, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr P Langridge  
Headteacher