Welcome to St Giles Church of England Primary School

Dear parent(s) and carer(s),

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe, well and rested. The staff and I are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your child/ren to school for this academic year.

What will the school times be?

- From the 5th September, we will resume our standard opening and closing times (as outlined in our attendance policy).
- Please remember: registration at school starts at 8:55 a.m. and we ask that all children are in school, ready to learn, for 8:55 a.m. Our gates are locked from 9:05 a.m. Children arriving after this time are marked as late and need to arrive via the school office.
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	Arrival for registration at 8:55 a.m.	Departure
Reception	8:40 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Year 1	8:40 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Year 2	8:40 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Year 3	8:40 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Year 4	8:40 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Year 5	8:40 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Year 6	8:40 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.	3:15 p.m.

Arrangements for the beginning and end of the school day

We will continue to use many of the positive arrangements which we all used all year. Please bring your child/ren to the gated entrance where they will be greeted by one of our welcoming staff.



Infant children will be collected from the front of school, and the junior children will be walked around to the front of school too.

Questions and answers

We hope that the information below answers the questions which you may have regarding the start of the new academic year.

What are the lunch arrangements at the schools?

- Derbyshire Catering will continue to provide a full (and delicious!) lunch service starting at 11:55 am.at school.
- Children will eat their lunch in the school hall after washing their hands.
- Children will continue to eat their lunches in their collective worship groups to allow for all the children to become better acquainted with one another.
- Initially reception children will have their own table where they will all sit together and then they will be joined by their "buddy" from class 4.
- Lunch will be held as one sitting, where children will leave the lunch hall to go onto the yard for the remainder of their lunchtime.

- Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding eligibility for free school meal.
- The price of a school meal will be £2.30 from 1st September 2022. Children in years Reception to Year 2 continue to receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal. If you think you may be eligible for income related free school meals you can apply through Derbyshire County Council using the link below.

  https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/schoolmeals/free-school-meals.aspx

Will the children be in school uniform?

- **Yes**: we are looking forward to seeing our children arrive in their uniforms with black shoes (no trainers).
- You can find further information on our website: https://www.stgilesceprimarymatlock.co.uk/uniform

Please remember the following: we continue to expect our children to have no hair colourings or shaved patterns during the school term. If children have their ears pierced, then they should only wear studs in their ears.

Can children bring equipment into school?

- **Yes**: reading books, and the children's planners, should be brought in every day. We ask that this is within a *book bag*. This is because they are easier to store.
- Children should only bring in the following essentials:
  - Lunch Boxes and/or healthy snacks,
  - Water bottles (these are to stay in school and can be refilled by the children/staff),
  - Coats;
- All stationery will be provided by us. Therefore, there is *no need for your child to bring in pencil cases*.

- Please do not send your child/ren with any expensive equipment such as smart watches.

On PE days, children should come to school in their PE kits, we have found this saves on time, allowing children to have the longest possible time for their lesson.

PE kit expectations can be found on our website: https://www.stgilesceprimarymatlock.co.uk/uniform

Communication to Parents

Wherever possible school communication to parents is paperless. We usually send letters via email. From September letters will be sent via Parent Pay and Class Dojo. If you haven't already activated your Parent Pay account please let the school office know.

Parent Pay

Thank you to everyone who is up to date with Dinner Money, Trips and After School Club. Please check your outstanding balances and ensure that everything is paid as soon as possible. We do not want to carry forward any debts into the next academic year

Breakfast Club and After School Club

From September the price of Breakfast Club will rise to £3.00 and After School Club charges will increase by 50p to £7.00 for the first hour and £9.00 for two hours.

INSET DAYS

A reminder of the INSET DAYS for the next academic year

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September

Thursday 22nd December

Monday 9th January

Friday 21st July

The first day of term is Monday 5th September 2022.

Finally, keep your eyes peeled for class newsletters in the coming week and our new school blogs.

Many thanks

Mr Williams

Head of School