

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all enjoyed a great summer break. In school, we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of the new academic year.

I would like to start by introducing some new members of staff to you all. Mrs Vasco is joining us as Deputy Head Teacher. Mrs Vasco will be overseeing early years and key stage 1. Miss Kirkwood will be the Year Group Leader in Reception and she will be joined in Reception by Miss Lane. In the nursery Miss Barlow will be part of the team. In Year 4, Miss Pickering will be a new class teacher. I am sure you will join me in welcoming our new staff to St Margaret's.

The summer holidays have been a busy period in school. During the summer break, there was a successful summer camp lasting five weeks. Nearly 200 pupils enjoyed a variety of activities over the summer and I would like to thank A-Star Coaching for the professional way they delivered the provision. Over the summer, a number of improvements have taken place in school. The main school building has been painted, there have been a number of minor building adjustments and new carpets have been installed in the offices and reception areas.

This year we will be rolling out our new school curriculum. The new curriculum will provide pupils with more hands on practical learning experiences as well as enrichment opportunities that will broaden their experiences. We are also introducing a new mathematics scheme of work across school. The data and outcomes for pupils at the end of the previous academic year have been analysed in depth. Staff are well prepared to help support pupils on the next steps of their learning journey ensuring that they catch up on any learning missed during the last two academic years.

From September, we will have a new lunch provider. The food at lunchtime will be provided by Orian Catering Services and we are looking forward to offering pupils a wider range of foods to choose from at lunchtime. Before the summer you should have received a letter explaining the changes. The new lunchtime provider will allow parents and carers the opportunity to select their child's choice of lunch each day. If you require any support ordering your pupils lunch online please contact the office on 0161 226 2271.

I am pleased to be able to share that this year we will be re-introducing a wider range of after school clubs and the option for parents to pay for extended afterschool provision that will run until 5.45pm. We will be offering breakfast club provision from 7.45am each day.

If you would like further information about our after-school provision please email Mr Hayhurst a.hayhurst@st-margarets.manchester.sch.uk

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If you have any concerns or questions around your child in school, in the first instance you should contact your child's class teacher. If you are unable to resolve the concern or question then you should speak to your child's year group leader. If after speaking to your child's teacher or the year group leader the next step would be to speak to a deputy head. Mrs Vasco will be responsible for early years and key stage 1 and Mrs Fazal will be responsible for key stage 2. If none of the above could resolve your concern or question the final step would be to speak to myself the headteacher. We will be holding meet the teacher meetings in the first weeks of term to allow you to familiarise yourself with your child's teacher and year group leader.

On the school website I have added a separate letter relating to COVID-19 and the start and finish times for school this year. I will also be holding a zoom meeting for parents on Monday 6th September.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

David Hunter
Headteacher