



Archdiocese of Birmingham
**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

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St. Mary's mission: To love God above all things by: learning together, loving ourselves, loving each other, loving all people, loving life itself and constantly striving for excellence worthy of our God-given gifts.

3rd September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I am thrilled to be writing to you as the newly appointed Head teacher of St. Mary's Catholic Primary School. I consider it a privilege to have been appointed by the governing body and I am very much looking forward to meeting you all in the near future. I have spent the past two days in school with the staff and we are all excited to welcome the children back on Monday and to hear all about their Summer Holidays. Outlined in this newsletter is information for opening and closing times and details for drop-off and pick-up. Please be patient with us as we try to keep the children safe. There is so much for us a school community to look forward to. Through the grace of God, parts of the world are starting to conquer Covid and we hope that school life can return to a version of normal. More details will follow about school Masses and opportunities for parents to be in school, as long as current guidance doesn't change. I am very much looking forward to continuing the outstanding work that is already happening at St. Mary's. May the Lord work in all of us as we begin the new academic year.

Miss Louise Price

COVID

Please remember if you, your child or any member of your household has any symptoms of COVID-19, do not send your children into school until they have had a PCR test. If the result comes back negative, then children can return to school if well enough, if the results come back positive, your child will need to isolate for 10 days after symptoms start and household members should take a PCR test.

Thank you for your understanding with this.



Morning Routines

The morning routine used last year will continue. Miss. Price and Mrs. Davis will walk down to the yellow barrier each morning at 8:30am. At 8:30am, the school gates at the top of the school will also open. From 8:30am, children will be able to drift into school until 8:45am when the gates will close. Please continue to 'drop and go'. Your child/ren will be guided in to the school building by staff. Please do not arrive before 8:30am, as staff will be in morning prayers and briefing. If you need provision before 8:30am, please use Kidz.comm. If children arrive after 8:45am, they will need to be signed in at the office by you the parent – children must not arrive by themselves.

End of day

The afternoon pick-up will follow a similar routine to pre-Covid.

At 3:15pm, Reception parents (once children are in full time) are to walk down the drive on the **left** hand side (as shown by the green arrows). Your child will be released to you, and you will leave by walking up the middle of the drive way.

At 3:15pm, Year 1 and Year 2 parents are to walk down the drive on the **right** hand side (as shown by the red arrows). Your child will be released to you, and you will leave by walking up the middle of the drive way.

At 3:30pm, Year 3 and Year 4 parents are to walk down the drive on the **left** hand side (as shown by the green arrows). Your child will be released to you, and you will leave by walking up the middle of the drive way.

At 3:30pm, Year 5 and Year 6 parents are to walk down the drive on the **right** hand side (as shown by the red arrows). Your child will be released to you, and you will leave by walking up the middle of the drive way.

END OF DAY COLLECTION POINTS AND TIMES –



Siblings

If you have children across key stages, the pick up time will be at 3:30pm. Please walk down the drive on the **right** hand side (as shown by the blue arrows). All your children will be released to you at the same time, and you will leave by walking up the middle of the drive way.

"Pick-up and go"

Due to tight timings at the end of the day, we ask that you leave the premises promptly once you have picked up your child/ren, so that the teachers can dismiss the next group of children.