

St Mary's Lewisham CE Primary School

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Our Vision

To be a learning community that promotes the unique gifts, wellbeing and potential of every person. Our work is founded on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, building on His message of equality, peace and justice, guided by His words 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34).



Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Proposed extension of School Review Days

It has been wonderful to welcome all of our children back to St Mary's, the children have been enthusiastic about their learning and excited to be back at school with their friends and teachers. Please can I thank each one of you for your support since our return to school.

I am delighted to share with you that our attendance has been 96% over the last week, significantly higher than the National average of 88%. We believe that our careful planning and risk assessment process, along with working closely in partnership with parents and carers has resulted in this successful start to term. Review days have been highly effective in refining and improving our procedures.

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, our children's safety and wellbeing have been at the heart of the decision-making process. Given the National increase in infections, frequent changes to official guidance and the very significant challenges being faced by the Government's testing programme, we will need to continue to review our risk assessments.

Thank you to all of our parents who completed the consultation survey, we value your reflections and messages of support. We had a really positive response from our parents and over 99% of the 113 families that responded stated that their children have enjoyed returning to school and that they are well supported by the school. Our families overwhelmingly believe that measures put in place by the school are effective and should continue. Therefore, we will continue to close for a deep clean and review of our risk assessments and procedures, on Wednesdays.

Deep clean and weekly review of our risk assessment:

What does this mean?

- **School will continue to be closed every Wednesday (apart from Reception and Nursery class)**
- Home learning (a combination of paper and online) will be set for all children to complete at home on a Wednesday, following the blended learning initiative
- Teachers will have their PPA time on a Wednesday, meaning that they will remain in class with your child for the rest of the week
- The requirement for staff to work across more than one group will be reduced
- The whole school will receive a thorough deep clean every week, in addition to the daily enhanced cleaning schedule

Following Wednesday's review, we are pleased to announce that we can now offer all of our children a full school day from **8:45 – 3:15**.

As always, thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to work in partnership to make our school community as safe as it can be for our children.

Yours sincerely

Christine Bernard, Headteacher
Julia Pring, Chair of Governors

