

# St Mary's Lewisham CE Primary School

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## "St Mary's is a good school" - Ofsted July 2016

### 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 3rd September 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

### Welcome Back to a New School Year

I hope that you have enjoyed a restful summer break. It has been a joy for us to welcome all of the children back to school this week. We are so proud of how well the children have settled into the new school routines and their new classes. They are excited to be reunited with their friends and teachers and learning from our exciting and creative curriculum.

Please can we extend our thanks to all of our Parents and Carers for your support, you have been on time at the beginning and end of the day to ensure that things run smoothly. Thank you for continuing to line up outside the school gates and using the spray-painted footprints to ensure good social distancing is maintained.

Given the National increase in infections and updated Government guidance, we have undertaken a thorough review of the risk assessments for the full operation of the school. We will continue to follow the latest Government guidance as we move into a new phase of our Covid-19 response. Allowing time to regularly review systems and procedures has enabled us to continue to make St Mary's school as safe as possible. We will continue to put the safety and wellbeing of all in our school community at the heart of our decision-making process, whilst minimising disruption to the children's education. We will therefore be keeping many of our procedures in place including:

- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene procedures
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements
- Ventilation in classrooms
- Grouping children together and avoiding contact between groups
- Maintaining social distance where possible
- Limiting the numbers of adults and visitors in school

As you will have heard, the rules around self isolation have changed. Children and those who have had both doses of the covid-19 vaccination do not have to isolate if they are in contact with someone who has tested positive. Please follow this link for the latest NHS guidance.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

The school will continue to keep you updated with procedures in response to the ever changing Covid-19 situation.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Graham  
Headteacher



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