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## FAMILY REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well and you are looking forward the summer break. I'm delighted to let you know that we'll be implementing/re-instating a few positive changes that I believe will greatly benefit all of our children and families from September. Some of these are to ensure we are fulfilling our statutory duties but others are based on feedback from staff, parents, pupils and governors, and I am confident they will be well-received.

### School Day

A separate letter has been sent regarding this which you may wish to read as it provides more detail.

- School gates will open at 8:40 am and children will go straight into classes.
- Register will be taken at 8:50 am
- Children later than 8:50 am will need to be taken to the school office to be signed in by a parent/carer
- School finishes at the usual time of 3:20 pm.

### School uniform and PE Kits

**PE Kit:** Following parental feedback, the children will be able to come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. This will not only save time by reducing changing times in school but also ensure children are confident and ready to take part in PE without the pressure of having to get changed in a short space of time. PE days will be shared with you in September. Please refer to the uniform policy for the correct St Mary's PE kit as your child will need to wear this on PE days and will not be allowed to wear general sportswear.

**General uniform:** Please look at the uniform policy extract at the end of this letter as a reminder before purchasing uniform for next year. **Please label all clothing.** Multi-coloured hair accessories, necklaces, bracelets and socks are fun and exciting to wear for children but are not part of our school uniform! We welcome your support with this.



## Snacks

We will be reinforcing our existing policy on snacks in school.

- From September, **we will only allow fruit or vegetables as morning snacks**. This is normal in most primary schools.
- KS1 and reception will continue to receive a fruit or vegetable snack in school (free of charge) as part of the National Fruit and Vegetable scheme.
- No packaged foods, food in wrappers, or items like crisps and chocolate bars will be allowed. Other snacks that are advertised as 'healthy' often contain a lot of sugar or are heavily processed so this blanket rule of no wrappers is an easy way to enforce this rule.

We've also noticed that litter has become a bit of an issue, and we believe this change will help us to not only encourage healthy eating but also maintain a clean and tidy environment for our children. It has been an expectation for a long time that schools promote healthy eating and reinforcing this policy is an important step in doing this. Please also remember that drinks bottles should only have water in them.

The Department for Education and the Department for Health expect all schools to encourage and promote healthy eating.

## Toys and other belongings from home

I have noticed an increasing number of things being brought in from home. These items can get lost and damaged and this can cause upset and a distraction to learning in the classroom.

- Toys, teddies, and other 'treasures' from home should not be brought into school.
- We provide all of the necessary equipment for our children so stationery and pencil cases are not needed and should not be brought to school.

## Breakfast and After-School club

Details about changes to breakfast and after-school club have been sent in a separate e-mail. If you are interested in using this provision, please fill out the form that was attached in the previous e-mail and return it to school. Alternatively, please contact the school office and they will guide you through what you need to do.

## Thank you!

I'm confident that these changes and reinforcements will have a hugely positive impact on our children and school community, and I appreciate your continued support and cooperation.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

*RChadbourne*

**Rachel Chadbourne**

Headteacher

*Cont. please see overleaf for uniform extract*



## ST MARY'S UNIFORM OVERVIEW

BOYS	GIRLS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grey trousers/tailored shorts</li> <li>• White shirt/polo shirt</li> <li>• Navy school jumper (logo or plain)</li> <li>• Grey or white socks</li> <li>• Black shoes (not trainers or boots)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers</li> <li>• White blouse/polo shirt</li> <li>• Blue gingham check summer dress/ playsuit</li> <li>• Navy school cardigan or jumper (logo or plain)</li> <li>• Grey or white socks or grey tights</li> <li>• Black shoes (not trainers or boots)</li> </ul>
<b>PE</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White T-shirt</li> <li>• Navy blue shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms</li> <li>• Navy hoodie or sweatshirt (logo optional)</li> </ul>	
<b>PURCHASING</b>	
<p>School-branded clothing is available from Andrew Hyde schoolwear:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://ahyde.co.uk/collections/st-marys-cp-southam">https://ahyde.co.uk/collections/st-marys-cp-southam</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">or telephone 0800 0590592</p> <p>Alternately plain uniform in the correct colours may be worn.</p>	
<b>LABELS</b>	
<p><b>Please label all belongings.</b> To order Stikins name labels and raise money for the school, please visit <a href="https://www.stikins.co.uk/">https://www.stikins.co.uk/</a> and quote our school's fundraising number 20781.</p> <p>Stikins are multipurpose labels that can be used on clothing care labels, shoes and dishwasher items. We will get commission for any orders placed.</p>	

