



**St Thomas More Primary**  
(Part of the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust)  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Welcome back!**

It is wonderful to welcome you and the children back to school. They look extremely smart and have made a good start to the new academic year. Thank you for your support and cooperation in ensuring a safe return. We know it has not been easy having staggered start and collection times at the beginning and end of the school day, particularly because children are missing chunks of important learning time. Therefore, bearing this in mind and based on risk assessments carried out this week which involve combined bubbles, the following changes will be made next week beginning on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September:

**Revised times for the start and end of the school day**

- **Morning Nursery: 8.40am – 11.40am. Afternoon Nursery: 12.10pm – 3.10pm**
- **Reception will start school at 8:55am and finish at 3pm.**  
Please drop off and collect children from the EYFS side entrance
- **KS1 (Years 1 and 2) will start school at 8:55am and finish at 3:00pm**  
Please drop off and collect children from outside their classrooms on the main playground
- **KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will start school at 8:55am and finish at 3:10pm**  
Please drop children off at the main front gate.  
Year 3 and 4 parents to pick up from waiting area outside classroom doors  
Year 5 and 6 parents to pick up from waiting area outside side entrance

On the grounds of health and safety, it is essential that parents and guardians comply with these arrangements so bubbles can remain socially distanced and safe and we avoid a return to staggered times. Thank you.

**School gates**

The back gate will return to being opened for families to use next week from 8.40am and 2.50pm and will be supervised by Mrs Cunningham. The front gate will continue to be supervised each morning by Mrs Brown, our new member of staff, who has replaced Mrs Carlisle and Miss Wyke, while they are away. She has enjoyed getting to know everyone this week!

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries about this newsletter or any other matter.

Kind regards,

*J. Apolloni*

Mrs Apolloni

