

# ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome our children and families back this term. I started to write my welcome back newsletter earlier this week and have found myself changing the detail following the letter I sent you on Wednesday evening. I understand your disappointment with changes we have needed to make overnight. The decisions made are supported by the Local Authority and Public Health England and decisions are made to control the high number of positive cases we have in our school. Please rest assured that any decision I make is not taken lightly. If you have any questions, please do come and speak to me. Whether it is perceived as a big problem or a minor one – please do make contact.



*"One day you'll look back and realise how hard it was, and just how well you did."*

Please be reminded that if you or your child show any of the symptoms of COVID-19 – a high temperature (37.8 or more) or a new continuous cough or a change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), you must not come into school and follow Government guidelines regarding testing and isolation. Testing is now available for anyone (staff and children) showing the signs or symptoms. If you are showing the symptoms of COVID-19 you must isolate until you receive the results. You must inform us of the outcome of a test as soon as possible either by calling the office or emailing [admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk) This email address is monitored at weekends and evenings for COVID related information from you. Please note that if I contact you updating you of a positive case within your child's class, you are advised to arrange a PCR test at a testing centre and NOT a lateral flow test undertaken at home.

I am very proud of the way the children have adapted to changes once again. A special well done to our new children in Nursery, Reception and throughout the school who have joined us this term. Children in Nursery and Reception have settled into school without any transition visits, and we are so very proud of them!

## Summer Works

Over the summer holidays we were delighted to finally have a junior and infant toilet refurbishment. We secured funding from the Diocese to pay for the toilets. School must contribute 10% of the total cost from the School Building Fund and thankfully we had enough money from that fund to contribute. Thank you for your annual or monthly contributions to help maintain our school.



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## Nursery Admissions 2022 - 2023

### Was your child born between 1/9/2018 - 31/8/2019?

This year our governors intend to offer 15 hours (morning only) or 30 hours (morning and afternoon) in our Nursery. The application process is now open and will close on Friday 26th November 2021. Please contact the school office for an application pack.

### Free School Meals

If your situation has changed, or you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please visit <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx> The application takes a couple of minutes to complete. Please do notify the school if you are eligible. Even if your child is in a class (Reception – Year 2) that receives a Government funded free school meal, it is still worth making an application as the school receives additional funding.

We look forward to working with you and your children this year.

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God Bless

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Miss Puccio  
Headteacher



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