



Saturday 2nd September 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Apologies that you are receiving this letter later than intended. This is as a result of the flooding we experienced yesterday, which required my urgent attention.

Please see below an update on the current situation regarding the flood, in addition to key timetabling information for PE, swimming and parent meetings, which will take place over the forthcoming weeks.



Flood update:

Firstly, thank you to all of the staff who worked tirelessly throughout the afternoon and evening yesterday to minimise the damage to the school. It wasn't exactly how I had planned out my first day as Headteacher at St Katherine's, but the teamwork and community spirit shown by everyone was commendable.

We currently have a team of specialists from SKANSKA in school, who have worked throughout the night to dehumidify, dry out and sanitise the premises. They will continue to work over the weekend and I will meet with them on Sunday to assess the situation and determine what further actions are needed.

I am hopeful that the work undertaken over the weekend will minimise the disruption to children's transition back to school on Monday. Please note that I will update parents on Sunday regarding the outcome of my meeting with the team.

Please be assured that your child's safe transition back to school remains our main priority at this time.



PE and Swimming timetables

Please note that PE and swimming lessons start from next week, **with the exception of Reception, who will start PE lessons when their phased transition has been completed.** I kindly ask that parents ensure that children come to school wearing the correct PE kits on the days they are timetabled for PE lessons (except Nursery children), which are as follows.

Year Group / Class	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE	Swimming
Reception - Bramley	Monday		
Reception - Gala	Tuesday		
Reception - Pippin	Wednesday		
Year 1 – Peach	Monday	Thursday	
Year 1 - Pear	Monday	Thursday	
Year 2 – Cherry		Tuesday	Thursday
Year 2 - Quince		Wednesday	Thursday
Year 3 – Almond	Wednesday	Thursday	

Year 3 – Hazel	Friday	Thursday	
Year 3 - Walnut	Friday	Thursday	
Year 4 – Spruce		Thursday	Friday
Year 4 - Pine		Thursday	Friday
Year 5 - Cedar	Tuesday	Friday	
Year 5 – Teak	Tuesday	Friday	
Year 5 - Mahogany	Wednesday	Friday	
Year 6 - Ash		Friday	Tuesday
Year 6 - Oak		Friday	Wednesday

Please note that for year groups that are swimming this half term, additional information has been attached for parents to read.



Parent Meetings

The following parent meetings will be taking place over the next few weeks.

HEAD TEACHER

Head Teacher Introduction

I am delighted to invite parents and carers to a short meeting on **Friday 8th September**, where I will be able to formally introduce myself and share my vision for the school. It will be a great opportunity to meet the school community and refreshments will be provided for those who attend.

I appreciate that parents/carers have commitments and can, on occasions, find attending school events difficult. Therefore, I will be running both morning and afternoon meetings for parents at the following times:

- **Morning session: 9.00am – 9.30am**
- **Afternoon session: 2.30am – 3.00am**

Please be aware that the meetings will take place in the hall and **both will cover the same content**. I will also upload my presentation to the school website so that all parents/ carers can access it.



Teaching and Learning Presentations

We would also like to invite parents/ carers to attend our 'teaching and learning presentations', where teachers will share key information about their year group and provide an opportunity for parents to ask any generic questions. The meetings will take place on the following days: **Please note that all meetings will be from 2.30pm to 3.00pm**

Year Group	Date
Reception	Wednesday 20 th September
Year 1	Friday 15 th September
Year 2	Monday 18 th September
Year 3	Tuesday 19 th September
Year 4	Thursday 21 st September
Year 5	Thursday 14 th September
Year 6	Friday 22 nd September



Celebration Assemblies

As of next week, we will be running Celebration Assemblies **every Friday** to highlight children's achievements both inside and outside school. If your child has participated in a competition, won a medal, raised money for charity etc, and they would like to share their success, please could parents email a photograph and a short summary of their child's achievements into the school office. This will then be included in the assembly presentation. Please note that depending on the volume of photographs, your child may not appear in the presentation the same week that parents/ carers email into school.

Let's hope for a warm and dry weekend!

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mr. Lang'.

Mr. Lang
Headteacher