



St Margaret's RC Primary

"Small school, big heart"

26th July 2020

Dear Primary 1 parents and carers,

We are all working hard to make the beginning of primary 1 as smooth and enjoyable for all involved as much as possible. We understand that there will be a high level of anxiety for our new pupils as well as with you at this time.

To support our new P1 pupils on their first days at school we are hoping to set up a soft start to alleviate the anxiety around saying goodbye to parents and carers.

What this would look like:

- The school day starts at 8:50am.
- Mrs Duff will be ready to take any P1 pupil and parent around to the infant playground.
- Any parent with older siblings can first 'drop off' their older children and make their way round to the infant playground when ready.
- Parent and pupil will then be invited to explore the infant playground.
- For health and safety reasons parents cannot enter the classroom however children will be invited to explore their classroom if they wish.
- Parents will be encouraged to stay for as long as they feel it is necessary, with a cut off time of 10:00am as we would then like to encourage the children to explore the classroom if they haven't yet done so and prepare for breaktime.

We have implemented a staggered start to P1 this year. Your child's first day will be with around half of their fellow classmates, with Friday morning being their first day with their full class. On Friday morning P1 pupils will be invited to line up with the rest of the classes. Mrs Westacott will be in touch with more details of your child's starting day.

Kind regards

Mrs Baxter and Mrs Duff