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Dear Parents,

It is so lovely to see how well your children are settling back into school after the summer break. We are so pleased all the building work has all been completed and children are enjoying the new classrooms and extended hall which have all had a positive impact on the school environment.

I just wanted to provide some more information and reminders as we start the new school year.

WATER

A reminder that children's water bottles for the classroom should contain water only. Children may bring squash or juice to have at lunchtime. If children only have juice, they will be provided with water if they would like a drink during the school day and asked to keep all other drinks to have with their lunch.

JEWELLERY

For health and safety reasons, children should not wear any jewellery to school other than a small wristwatch or recognised religious jewellery. This includes earrings. Children will be asked to remove watches and religious jewellery (or cover these with sweat bands) during PE.

COMMUNICATION/DOJO

Hopefully you all now have access to your child's new class on Dojo. This is a lovely way for teachers to be able to provide overviews of the children's learning and share messages and reminders, and for parents to drop messages to teachers. Please be advised that teachers are unlikely to be able to access Dojo when they are teaching so all important messages should be communicated by calling the school office who will arrange for the appropriate member of staff to contact you should this be necessary. All absences should be called into the school office. If you need to inform us of a change in arrangements as to who is collecting your child, this must be done through the school office and not on Dojo as there is no guarantee that your child's class teacher will see this on Dojo before the end of the school day. Teachers will endeavour to check Dojo after school each day and respond to messages if required. Messages received after 5pm are unlikely to be responded to until the following day. Any significant concerns should be raised via the school office by asking the relevant member of staff to call you back.

Unfortunately, some members of staff have received rude or confrontational messages via Dojo. This is never acceptable, and all communication should be conducted in an appropriate way. We reserve the right to remove parent/carers access to Dojo should this platform not be used appropriately. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We look forward to sharing lots of exciting things with you during the school year.

OPEN DOOR POLICY

We want to make sure that all children are happy in school and offer an open-door policy for parents and carers.



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Teachers are available after school if you wish to talk to them about any concerns or if you have any questions. If you wish to speak to a member of SLT, please call into reception or telephone and ask for one of the following members of staff:

Mrs Kilmister – Headteacher/ Designated Safeguard Lead/Mental Health Lead Practitioner
Mrs Banks – Deputy Headteacher/Deputy Designated Safeguard Lead
Mr Purshouse – Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Robbins is the school SENDCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator). If you wish to speak to her about any concerns you have regarding your child's learning needs, she can be contacted by calling the school office.

SAFEGUARDING

The school is committed to effective safeguarding practice. Should you have any safeguarding concerns about any child or the safety of the environment at school, please contact Mrs Kilmister or Mrs Banks who will take the appropriate action. For more information about safeguarding at St Bart's, including online safety, please see our school website.

QUEEN ELIZABETH 11

Following the sad news of the death of the Queen, we have addressed this in an age-appropriate way with children at school through our worship and in class. This week all children will have the opportunity to contribute towards a book of thanksgiving for the Queen which will then be displayed in our entrance hall. As per the letter distributed yesterday from our CEO, Katy Kent in line with DfE direction, school will be closed on Monday 19th September, the day of the Queen's funeral.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

I will be writing to you again very soon with some dates for your diary for the coming term/year.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing many of you at school events over the coming weeks and term.

Yours sincerely

Rachael Kilmister
Headteacher