



Headteacher: Mr. L. Duncan (MSc, BEng (Hons), PGCE)
 Dene House Rd. Seaham. SR7 7BJ. Phone 0191 5813055
www.st-marymagdalen's.durham.sch.uk
 Email: seahamstmary@durhamlearning.net

Monday 13th July 2020

Dear parents/carers,

RE: School September 2020 Reopening

Thank you for your continued patience, over recent months, in managing the effects of COVID-19 on family, school and community life. I appreciate that this has been an anxious time for many of you. During this period it has also been a significant challenge for all schools, especially in relation to the education of pupils and balancing this with their safety and wellbeing.

Following government guidance, issued on 2nd July 2020, school leaders have been working on arrangements for the safe and full opening of our school in September 2020 and I am pleased to inform you that St Mary Magdalen's will be open to **all pupils** at the start of next academic year. The autumn term will begin on **Wednesday 2nd September 2020** with the expectation that all pupils will attend school unless a statutory reason applies. Other important school dates, for academic year 2020-21, can be found on our school website. Further parent information and guidance regarding the new school term and the safety measures put in place, will be forwarded to you in due course.

Summer Break

The school will be closed to **all pupils** during the summer six-week holiday. Staff will be using time during the summer break to prepare classrooms and learning areas in preparation of pupils returning back to school. I have also provided information from Durham SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) for parents who wish to access further support over the summer holiday period.

End of Term Arrangements

We will be waving goodbye to our fabulous Year 6 pupils on **Friday 17th July at 1:30pm** and I ask that parents please arrive at school, at this time, to pick up their child. This slightly earlier time will afford the children the opportunity to take photographs and to say goodbye to friends and staff before other parents from other bubble groups arrive at school.



School will officially close for the summer holiday at **2pm on Friday 17th**. All pupils will be able to be picked up from school from 2pm. Could parents please pick up their child from their allocated bubble pick up points.

As always, I will keep you informed of any new developments, but in the meantime can I wish you and your family an enjoyable and refreshing summer break and I look forward to greeting you all back to school in September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L.J. Duncan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr. L.J. Duncan (Headteacher)