

9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to you all at the start of our school year. It is a great joy to see our pupils back after the summer break, settling in to their new classes, catching up with friends and attending to their learning. A very special welcome to all of the families with children joining us for the first time in Reception and across the school. It can be an overwhelming experience starting a new school and learning all of the routines and expectations but I must say you have all done extremely well and should be very proud of your first week! I am looking forward tremendously to the coming year and all that we will achieve together in our St Gabriel's family.



Despite the hope and optimism a new school year brings, I am writing to you today at a time of great sorrow for our nation. The passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is a profound moment in our shared history and a time for personal and collective reflection. The Queen has been a constant in all of our lives beyond most living memories, a grandmother to nations and to our nation in particular. No matter our age, at some point in our lives we have all been engaged in activities to recognise, celebrate or learn about Britain's longest-ever reigning monarch. It was only in June we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee here at St Gabriel's enjoying a great party with bunting, cake and singing. You may remember celebrating the Diamond, Golden or even Silver Jubilee in your time at school. How many school trips have taken place to Buckingham Palace over the years to 'see the

Queen'? How many children have been thrilled at the Queen's appearance in beloved books such as the BFG, Gangsta Granny or Paddington Bear? How many letters have been written to her in lessons, assemblies made in her honour, schools been opened by her hand? Everyone will have their own story to tell. There is no doubt whatever your experience, she has been a key part of our identity and her loss will be keenly felt across the nation. As a school, we will mark this time over the next few weeks with special assemblies and learning opportunities that remember and celebrate the Queen's life and reign. Our children decided last year that our newest class should be named 'Windsor' in her honour and we are glad that this will, in our own small way, remain a legacy to her for many years to come as current and future cohorts pass through the class. As always, we are here to support and comfort any children experiencing feelings of loss or grief and Reverend Steve Gold is available for support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like.

Staffing

As we start the new year and welcome new families and staff, you may find it useful to have an overview of all staffing at St Gabriel's to give you a who's who and know where to direct your enquiries. Attached to this letter is our current staff list with associated roles. We are thrilled to welcome Miss de Kock, Mrs Osiatynski, Miss Fiddes, Miss Taylor-Foster, Mrs Maloyd and Mrs Grundey to our school. Miss Phelps will be training with us for most of the year in Braille class. The school office can always be your first point of contact for any matters arising and can pass on enquiries to your child's class teacher, phase leader or senior leader.

Thank you for your help and support in getting the year off to a great start.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Romans 15:13



Mr. A. Taylor
Headteacher



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Headteacher Mr Taylor – Safeguard lead, Trust Lead

Deputy Headteacher Mr McCormick – Curriculum, Standards, Teaching & Learning, Humanities

Assistant Headteachers

Mrs Garner – Reception, Assessment lead, Deputy Safeguard Lead, Maths

Mrs Roberts – Special Educational Needs Coordinator, Inclusion and vulnerable group lead, English

Teachers

Mrs Dowler – **EYFS Lead**

Mrs Chand – Nursery, Music

Mrs Bemrose – Reception, Languages

Miss Ponter – Reception

Miss Magowan – Year 1, Art & DT

Miss Randle – Year 1, PE

Miss Bailey – Year 2, Phonics, **Key Stage 1 Lead**

Miss Pearce – Year 3, Science

Mr Grafton – Year 4, Computing

Miss Coulson – Year 5, RE, PSHE, **Key Stage 2 Lead**

Miss de Kock – Year 6, Christian Distinctiveness

Chair of Governors – Rev Steve Gold

Vice Chair of Governors – Mrs Georgina Newton

Additional Teachers and Teaching Assistants

Miss Shinner – Year 6

Miss Wright – Year 5

Mr Healey – Year 4

Mrs Fuller – Year 3

Miss Aust – Year 2

Mrs Black – Year 1

Miss Rukovanska – Year 1

Miss Roberts – Reception

Ms Bale – Reception

Mrs Osiatynski - Reception

Mrs Gould - Nursery

Miss Fiddes – Nursery

Miss Taylor-Foster - Nursery

Office

Miss Roberts – Business Manager

Mrs Wilmot – Office Manager

Mrs Maloyd – Admin Officer

Mrs Grundy – Finance Assistant

Mrs Hunt – Receptionist, Admin Assistant

Premises

Mr Marshall – Site Manager

Wrap Around

Miss Elward

Miss Sharpe

Miss Worster