



Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some special time together as families.

It was absolutely wonderful to welcome all of the children back to school this morning. There were lots of happy faces, excited conversations and, thankfully, everyone seemed to settle into their new classes with their new teachers really well. It has been lovely to see the children back with their friends and enjoying being together again.

A particularly warm welcome goes to all of the children and families who are joining us at St Catharine's for the first time. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community and I know that you will receive a very warm welcome from our children, staff and families.

I am also incredibly excited to be starting my first year as your Headteacher. It has been a real pleasure getting to know the school and its community already, and I am very much looking forward to working with you all as we begin this new school year together.

As we settle into the new academic year, I will be in touch regularly with further information about school life and some of the exciting things happening over the coming term.

Meet the Teacher

In the meantime, we would like to invite you to our **Meet the Teacher sessions next week**. These will be a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, find out a little more about how the class will run and ask any questions you may have.

For all classes **except Dover Class**, sessions will take place on **Tuesday 8th September** at:

- 3:30pm
- 4:00pm

The sessions will give you an opportunity to:

- meet your child's teacher;
- find out about the class routines and expectations;
- see the timetable for the week;
- have a look around the learning environment; and
- ask any questions you may have.

For **Dover Class**, Mrs Bennett and Ms Ryder will hold their sessions on **Thursday 10th September**, again at **3:30pm and 4:00pm**.

If you have more than two children at school and therefore need to attend three sessions, please simply visit your third child's teacher once the scheduled sessions have finished. They will be very happy to go through the information with you.

Wraparound Care

Just a reminder about our wraparound care provision.

Breakfast Club runs two sessions each morning:

- **8:00am–8:40am** – 50p per session
- **8:10am–8:40am** – free of charge through government funding

Please note that a space still needs to be booked for the free session.

Our **After School Club** also offers two sessions:

- **3:20pm–4:20pm** – £5 per session
- **3:20pm–5:30pm** – £12 per session

After School Club is run by **Amy Hawtin and Ali Hawtin**. Wherever possible, sessions should be **booked and paid for in advance via ParentPay**.

We do, however, appreciate that occasionally additional childcare may be needed at short notice. In these circumstances, please contact the After School Club team by email at afterschoolclub@st-catharines.gloucs.sch.uk copying in our school office at admin@st-catharines.gloucs.sch.uk so that we can ensure class teachers know that they will be attending.

Thank you for your continued support as we begin what I hope will be a happy, successful and exciting year for our whole school community.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks and to working together to make this a wonderful year at St Catharine's.

With very best wishes,

Laura Grant
Headteacher