

# St Mary Magdalene C of E Primary School



Ref : KD/lcv

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents

After a review of playtimes/lunchtimes and discussions with staff and children we have decided to change the pattern of the way these are taken. This means there will now be a staggered break and lunchtime for pupils. I have liaised with SIPS catering, who provide our school meals, and they assure me that the staggered lunches can be catered for. We will start phasing these arrangements in during week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Year Group	Morning break	Lunchtime	Afternoon break
Reception	10.30am – 10.45am	11.45am – 12.45pm	1.45pm – 2.00pm
Year 1	10.30am – 10.45am	11.45am – 12.45pm	1.45pm – 2.00pm
Year 2	10.30am – 10.45am	11.45am – 12.45pm	1.45pm – 2.00pm
Year 3	11.00am – 11.15am	12.15pm – 1.15pm	No break
Year 4	11.00am – 11.15am	12.15pm – 1.15pm	No break
Year 5	11.00am – 11.15am	12.15pm – 1.15pm	No break
Year 6	11.00am – 11.15am	12.15pm – 1.15pm	No break

There are a number of reasons for this decision but the major reason is Health and Safety. We have increasing numbers of children attending our school and with such limited outdoor space we have to think carefully about how it is best used in order to keep everyone safe. This will improve supervision of children and allow our younger ones to play safely whilst allowing our older children to play ball games safely too.

In the afternoon Key Stage 2 will no longer have an afternoon break, this is in line with the amount of curriculum hours for this age group, **please be reassured that children will still be able to use their water bottles in class, to enable them to have drinks throughout the afternoon, and take toilet breaks too.** The teachers also have discretion on taking their class out for a 'brain break'.

Thank you for your support and understanding with this matter.

Yours faithfully

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