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# St Margaret's Church of England Academy

*"Achievement by faith and work"*

Dear Parent/Carer

Principal: Mr S Brierley MA NPQH

## Year 7 Admission, September 2020

Greetings again from St Margaret's. I trust that you, your son and your family are enjoying the last week of term – hopefully your last week at primary school will be a memorable one, despite the circumstances!

I'm writing to you now to give you some more details about our plans for September.

We are planning to give all new Year 7 students two days of Induction – **Thursday 3rd** and **Friday 4th September** – which will be your son's first days at St Margaret's. He should arrive at St Margaret's in his school uniform at 9am on both days, and the days will finish at 3pm. The number of other students on the site will be limited both days, so the boys will have an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the site before the new term fully restarts.

Ten days ago, the Government published a large amount of advice for schools about reopening in September. As a result of that advice, and subject to Governors' approval, we will be operating a 'staggered day', with different year-groups arriving at school at different times of the day. Next year's Year 7 will need to arrive at school as follows:

- Monday: arrive at 9:00am (first lesson starts 9:05am); finish at 3:20pm
- Tuesday: arrive at 9:00am (first lesson starts 9:05am); finish at 3:20pm
- Wednesday: arrive at 9:00am (first lesson starts 9:05am); finish at 3:20pm
- Thursday: arrive at 10:25am (first lesson starts 10:30am); finish at 2:00pm
- Friday: arrive at 9:00am (first lesson starts 9:05am); finish at 3:20pm

We will be operating a one-week timetable, and Year 7 boys will have PE on Thursdays; in order to limit the use of our changing facilities, boys should come to and from school in their PE kit that day. When weather conditions dictate, boys can travel to school wearing training/active leisurewear appropriate for PE (*ie* track-suit/jogging bottoms or tops) and a coat, with their school PE kit underneath. Please could Year 7 students bring a packed lunch on Thursdays? We will be unable to provide hot meals in the canteen that day – although we will be able to do so every other day in the week.

On the subject of uniform, please note that **blazers will be optional** until further notice. Apart from that, uniform arrangements are unchanged.

Further information about the arrangements for next term, including the timings of the school day, can be found in Coronavirus Update 20, available on our website. If you have any questions about what will happen, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We should be delighted to be of assistance.

With best wishes for the summer holidays,

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Brierley  
Principal.

