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Dear Families

### **New Reception Starters 2024**

You will now have received our recent letter, with regards to the re-organisation of the Reception and Key Stage 1 classes at St Mary's CE Infant and The Batt CE Primary school, whereby Reception and Year 1 classes registered at either school will be taught at the St Mary's site and Year 2 classes will be taught at The Batt site. Years 3 - 6 will continue to be taught at The Batt site as they are currently.

We do appreciate that this may feel unsettling, particularly for those of you whose children are registered to start at The Batt, but we believe that bringing the earliest education provision to the St Mary's site, allows us to develop one centre of excellence for early learning within a specialist, well resourced, nurturing and engaging environment for all of our youngest learners.

We are also aware that circumstances have meant that this news is coming to you quite late in the term, but remain confident that this is the best arrangement for our youngest children moving forwards and that starting with it from September is preferable to making the change during the academic year.

Our original communication gives details of meetings for parents of classes affected and you are invited to a meeting on Thursday 13th June at 1.15pm in The Batt school hall, where we will be happy to answer any questions you have. Please let us know if you are planning to attend by [completing this form](#).

If you are unable to attend, information will be sent out by letter following the meetings and as always please do contact us if you have specific queries.

### **Transition Arrangements**

You have already received information with regards to transition arrangements, including stay and play sessions between 9.15 and 10.15am on 26th June and 3rd July and a new parent meeting at 6.00pm on 3rd of July and **these will all continue as planned, but will take place at the St Mary's site.**

We are now also inviting you and your child to an individual Getting to Know you Meeting with your child's class teacher, details attached, and these will also take place at the St Mary's site.

### **A Note on Practicalities**

We recognise that for some families, having all your children based at The Batt makes life more convenient and we intend to support you in this by making small changes to timings of the school day at each site to accommodate a formal 'walking bus' between the schools.

- Children attending breakfast club at The Batt site will be walked across to St Mary's for their school day.
- Children will also be walked back to The Batt, from St Mary's for after school club or to be collected there by parents if this is required.

We would also like to reassure families that children attending the St Mary's site can wear the uniform of either school.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community over the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully

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Executive Headteacher

Katy Harding-Jones  
Head of School

Emma Dunstan  
Deputy Head Teacher