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Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and you have had a relaxing and healthy summer. We are all very excited to see our pupils return to school tomorrow, and also meet our new pupils joining the St Monica's family over the next week. The classrooms and corridors are sparkling, and all of our staff cannot wait to meet their new classes and pupils.

School begins at 8:45am tomorrow morning, Tuesday 3rd September, for Year 1 to Year 6. We open the gates at 8:30 for informal entry. Pupils will enter through the gates and staff will be on hand to direct pupils into their correct classes.

- Year 1 and 2 - please enter through the KS1 gate (alongside the hall)
- Years 3 to 6 - please enter through the Junior Yard gate

Reception and Nursery families have had specific letters with individual start times and dates, please contact our office if you need further assistance.

Autumn PE Days

Full uniform for all pupils tomorrow. PE lessons will start on Thursday 4th September.

Year Group	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
Nursery	Thursday	Daily continuous provision
Reception	Wednesday	Daily during continuous provision
Year 1	Monday	Friday
Year 2	Tuesday	Thursday

Year 3	Thursday	Monday
Year 4	Wednesday	Friday
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday 5M/ Friday 5GB
Year 6	Monday	Friday

Safeguarding and Critical Events in Southport

We pride ourselves on being a safe school here at St Monica's. We have a highly trained Safeguarding Team and our safeguarding policies, measures and strategies are quality assured and reviewed regularly. If you have any safeguarding concerns whatsoever, do not hesitate to email the school directly and we will act immediately on safeguarding.stmonicas@schools.sefton.gov.uk.

The recent tragic events in Southport have made all schools focus on safety and security. I want to assure you that St Monica's is a safe school. We are trained to identify any safety issues and our premises are routinely monitored by myself, our site manager and external bodies to ensure security for our pupils and staff. Our doors are opened with electric fobs that only staff have access to, and nobody can enter the premises without being screened. All visitors have to sign in digitally and show ID, they must wear a visitor lanyard and have to be buzzed into the school premises.

We have received support from specialists from Sefton Council on how to answer any questions our pupils may raise in regards to the tragic incident in Southport and the riots that followed. If you feel you need any support, [this page is very useful](#).

This week, we are going to focus on ensuring our pupils know we are a safe space and a safe school. If any pupils want to discuss events with the class teacher or a trusted adult, they will be supported by our staff and our wellbeing team if needed.

If you feel your child needs individual support, please email me on ht.stmoncias@schools.sefton.gov.uk and we will put any support needed in place. A key part of our INSET training today was ensuring that our pupils feel safe and happy when they come into school tomorrow morning, and putting into place the advice given by Sefton Council if pupils ask about the events themselves.

Meet the Teacher and HAST (Home and School Together)

We will be holding our “Meet the Teacher” for each year group in the coming weeks, and our HAST forms (Home And School Together) will be sent home this week. This is your guide to the curriculum your child will follow throughout Autumn Term.

We cannot wait to have our pupils back and kickstart what promises to be an exciting year ahead. We look forward to seeing all of our pupils looking smart and excited to start that journey with us tomorrow morning - there will be banners out to welcome pupils: why not take a photograph to celebrate the first day of a new year group?

Finally, I always find the night before returning to school is a special night, so enjoy the night before. Please tell your children we cannot wait for them to return to school tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Gouldbourne

Headteacher