

Dear Parents,

Welcome to All Saints Marsh C of E Academy, we are excited to welcome you and your child. The attached MCAS Guidance will explain how to activate your MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) Account and register your child, please complete this by **Friday 28th June**. MCAS synchronizes with our systems and will also allow you to order and pay for dinners, receive letters, reports, information on your child's attendance and much more.

We have attached for your reference:

- MCAS Registration Guide – to fully register your child.
- Tapestry Guide
- Parent Handbook
- Dinner Menu
- Dietary form
- Cool milk

Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically receive free school meals, but you should still register your child to receive free school meals if you are eligible. By doing this your child's entitlement can be checked on a regular basis so that the school can receive valuable additional funding for every child receiving a free school meal. This could amount to an extra £1385 per child.

You can apply for if you are receiving at least one of the following:

- Universal Credit (you're eligible after you've got your first payment)
- Child Tax Credit
- The 'guaranteed element' of Pension Credit
 - Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Income Support
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on

To check your eligibility – please apply via the [Citizen Portal](#) or simply call 0345 155 1019 with your National Insurance number.

In addition, you may be eligible for additional help from the Local Authority during holidays.

First week of school – 5th September 2024



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FLOURISHING FUTURES

When your child starts on 5th September 2024, they will have the opportunity to attend full time. To ease the transition in the first week, we will be opening the gate for longer to give you and your child quieter times to settle if they need them. The gate will be open from 08:25am until 09:00am for Reception children. Please ask your class teacher in your face-to-face meeting if you have any concerns about your child's transition into school. If you would like to find out more about our wonderful school, please find more information on our [website](#) and our [Reception 2024 page](#).

On your child's first day we will order their lunch in class. Moving forward, you will be able to pre book your child's lunch for the whole half term. This can be found on the 'dinner' tab in MyChildAtSchool (MCAS). All meals must be ordered and paid for (if applicable) at least 24hours in advance.

We look forward to meeting you and your child.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Webber on 01626 365293

Yours sincerely

Mr O'Sullivan

Head Teacher