



Dear Parents,

24th September 2021

As we approach the end of the first month back in school we turn our attention towards the Feast Day of our very own patron, St Teresa (October 1st), whose commitment to living a simple life underpinned by love, remains at the heart of our school and parish work. What is less known about St Teresa, are the challenges and struggles she faced with both her mental and physical health throughout her life. She had to hold on tight to her faith and face these challenges in the knowledge that 'Love never gives up' - Corinthians 1:13. Next week in school is 'Little Way Week' in which we seek to reconnect with St Teresa and reflect on how we ensure that 'Love proves itself by deeds' in our daily lives. The actual Feast Day on Friday next week will make links with the church and their special programme of activities listed on the [church website](#)

We informed you last week of some changes to the way in which children enter and exit school from Monday 27th September and I would like to re-emphasise the following points to ensure that the transition goes smoothly.

Morning drop off 8.30am - 8.50am

- All gates will be open around the school perimeter path.
- Parents can drop children off at the church gate, Middleton Road gate or the main pupil entrance at the front of school on Montacute Road.
- Children go straight into class.
- Latecomers are asked to report to the school office.
- Please note that Nursery doors cannot currently open until 8.45am

Afternoon collection Nursery (Full time) - 3.30pm

Key Stage 1 - 3.15pm

Key Stage 2 - 3.20pm

- All school gates will open at approximately 3.10pm.
- All gates will be open around the school perimeter path.

"Love proves itself by deeds so how am I to show my love?" St Thérèse of Lisieux

- Children to be collected from the playground. Please look out for signs directing you to the correct doors.
- Uncollected children will be taken to Wraparound Care. Please note that charges may apply for late collection.
- Please vacate the playground quickly once you have collected your children as after school clubs begin shortly after collection.

Parking.

Please be aware that Montacute Road now has enforcement cameras operated by Merton Council before and after school. Unregistered cars are likely to receive a penalty charge notice if they use the road at these times. (Times to avoid on Merton signs at the start of Montacute road are 8.00am-9.15am and 2.45pm-4.00pm):

Parents are not permitted to use church car park or stop on the double yellow lines outside church to drop children. This is especially important to note as the Bishopsford Road closure for bridge repairs will soon be over and the road will become very busy.

We fully appreciate and understand that our school is at the centre of a very busy and densely populated area with a number of other schools in the surrounding streets all experiencing similar issues with parking. Please could we ask that parents consider parking further away from the school where possible and walking the last section. Please remember that doors are open between 8.30am and 8.50am to give parents extra time before registration at 8.50am. We have asked Merton for help in this matter but your support would be greatly appreciated.

I am sure that next week will be a great example of how we can all 'do our bit' to do ordinary things with extraordinary love. We are looking forward to it!

Have a great weekend.



Mr Dachtler
Headteacher