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Dear WCPS Families

We hope this letter finds you all well and having had a lovely summer. We are very excited about welcoming back our WCPS pupils on Thursday 12!

Within this letter we have included the following:

- Update on Guidance and Mitigations in Place
- Times for Starting and Finishing school (Staggered starts and finishes to remain – please note, changes that have been put in place)
- Maps of school on where to drop off and pick up child
- Uniform Information

### **Update on Guidance and Mitigations in Place**

As you will be aware the most recent update on COVID19 guidance came into effect yesterday. This sets out that local authorities and schools should continue to apply mitigations that were in place at the end of last term, with the exception of some modifications. This approach to mitigations is expected to remain in place for up to 6 weeks as this stage.

However, we are delighted that one of most significant changes we can make at this stage is the removal of bubbles/groupings within the school. This will mean that children will be able to mix freely with pupils across their year group at breaks and lunches. At this early stage, we will continue to 'zone' our playground, however, this will be for year groups and not individual classes.

We are required to continue with staggered starts and finishes at this time and have included information for you below on the timings around this.

Social distancing remains in place within the school for adults and this applies to Parents/Carers entering the school grounds at drop off and pick up, where we ask that you adhere to 2m distancing.

Face masks are required to be worn within our playgrounds and around the school, and we ask that this is adhered to. This is to ensure the safety of all pupils, parents and staff.

Guidance of self-isolation and Test and Protect has been updated and you will receive an email from school with a letter from the NHS regarding processes now to be in place. Please ensure that you take time to read through this guidance.

## Times for Starting and Finishing School

Please see the overview below regarding when your child will start and finish school. There are maps on the following pages to show where the children will line up at the start and end of the day.

We have had to make some adjustments to last session, due to change in class structure and rooms being used.

Separate information will be sent to our Primary 1 families in addition to the information shared prior to the summer. There are different times for Primary 1 starting and finishing on Thursday 12 and Friday 13 August. From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August, Primary 1 will attend from 9am – 3pm.

We kindly ask that Primary 2-7 pupils come into the school grounds themselves in the morning, in line with the routines we had in place at the end of last session. There will be staff in the playground, including the Senior Leadership Team (HT, DHT, PT), to provide support for your child.

Again, separate information will be shared with our P1 families regarding adults entering the school grounds to support the transition to Primary 1.

At the end of the school day, 1 adult per child can enter the school grounds to collect their child for the following classes. The Senior Leadership Team and staff will be present to support:

- **Primary 1A, Primary 1B, Primary 2, Primary 3A and Primary 3B.** This follows the same routines in place last session – please see Maps for further information.
- **Primary 4A and Primary 4B** can also be collected, however, the Class Teacher will not dismiss to the parents and we kindly ask that where possible the children are encouraged to meet parents outwith the school playground. However, we understand that initial stages you may want to be there to support.
- **Primary 5** are encouraged to leave the school grounds to meet parents or walk home etc., this was in place last session. However, if required Primary 5 parents can also collect. Please see the Maps included on next page to see where this would be.

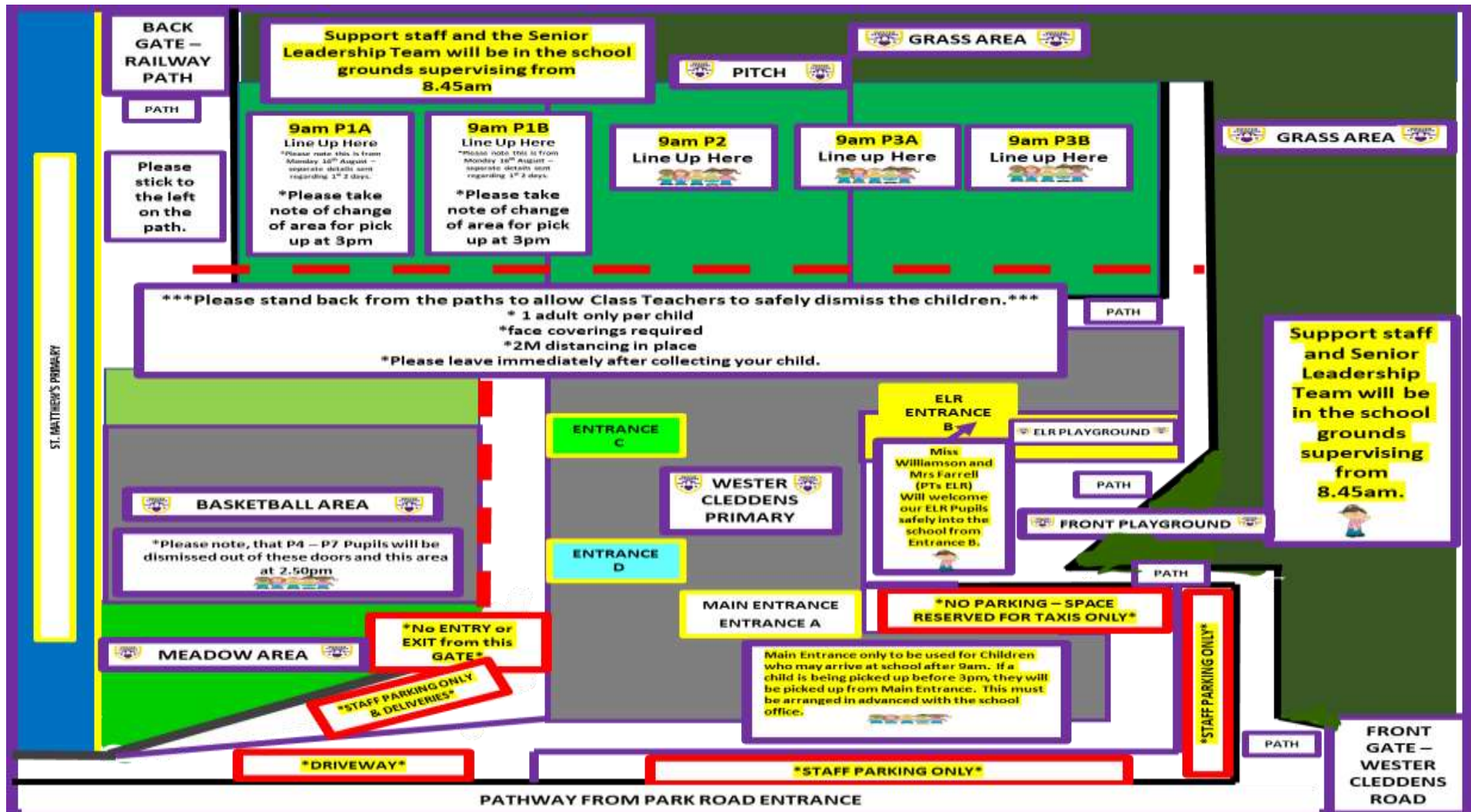
Primary 6 and 7, leave the school grounds independently, similar to previous years.

Class	Start and Finish Time
Primary 2 (Miss Clancy)	9.00am – 3.00pm  (*Please note that both Primary 1 classes will start at this time as of Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> August)
Primary 3A (Mrs Harvey and Miss Elliot)	
Primary 3B (Mrs McLeod and Miss McNeill)	

Class	Start and Finish Time
Primary 4A (Miss Hamilton and Mrs Celino) <i>*Please note, Mrs Celino is Miss Walker's newly married name.</i>	8.50am – 2.50pm
Primary 4B (Miss Abercrombie)	
Primary 5 (Miss Ball)	
Primary 6 (Miss Sawers)	
Primary 6/7 (Miss Vallance)	
Primary 7 (Mrs Crawford and Mr Lockyer)	

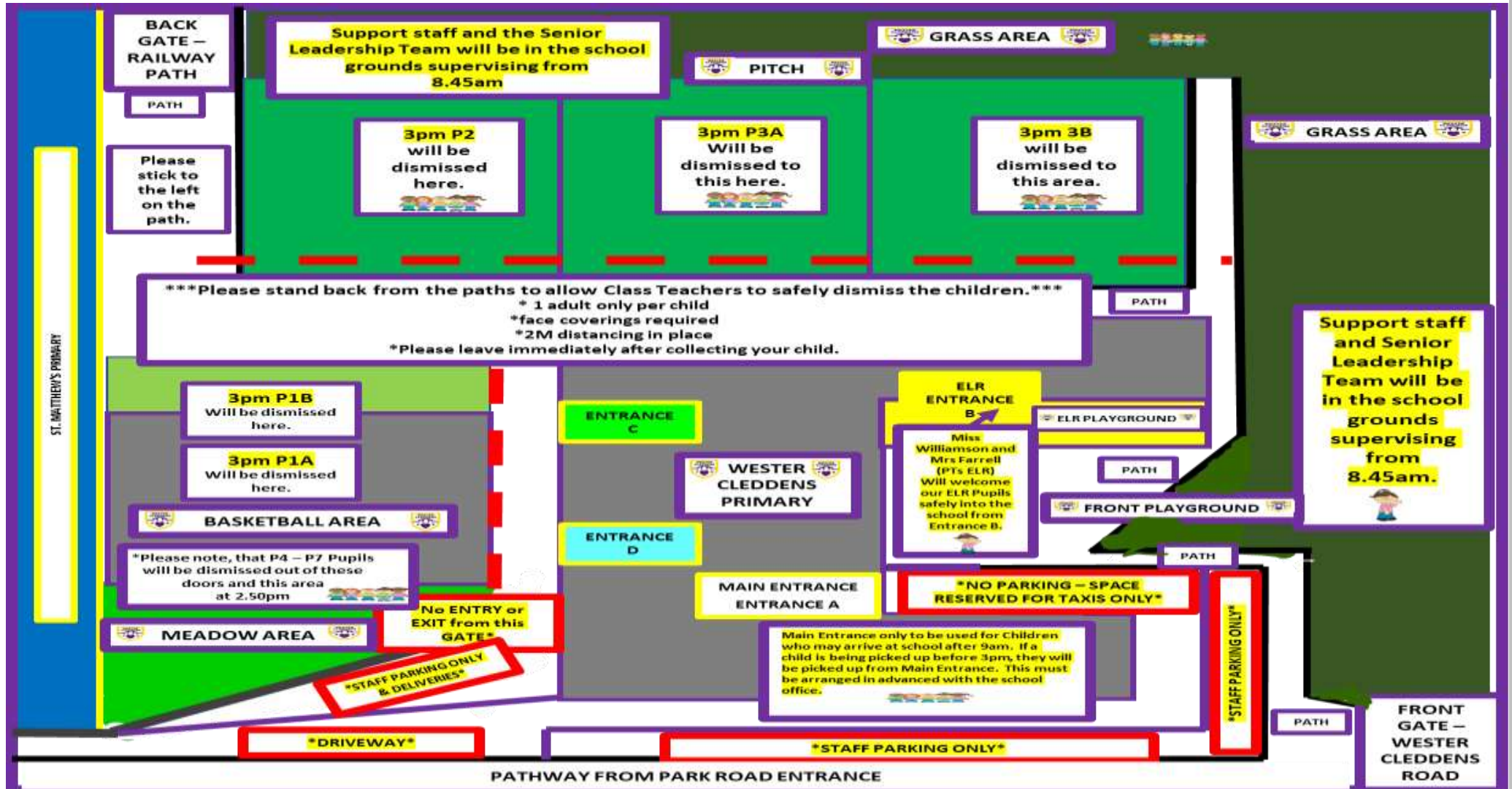
## Primary 1-3 Start of the Day Overview

- Primary 1-3 will start school at 9am. **\*Please note, that Primary 1A and Primary 1B will start and finish school at different times on Thursday 12 August and Friday 13 August. Separate information will be sent to parents of P1 Pupils**
- All Primary 1 – 3 classes will line up in the morning on the School Pitch, as shown below. This is similar to last year, however, please note changes of where they will line up.
- Only Primary 1 Parents (1 adult per child) will be permitted to stay with their child in the school grounds in the morning, during the first few days to support transition and this will be reviewed.
- Similar to last session, we ask that Primary 2 and Primary 3 children are dropped at the school gate for entering the school.
- The Senior Leadership Team and Support Staff will provide support in the morning, with where the children will line up.



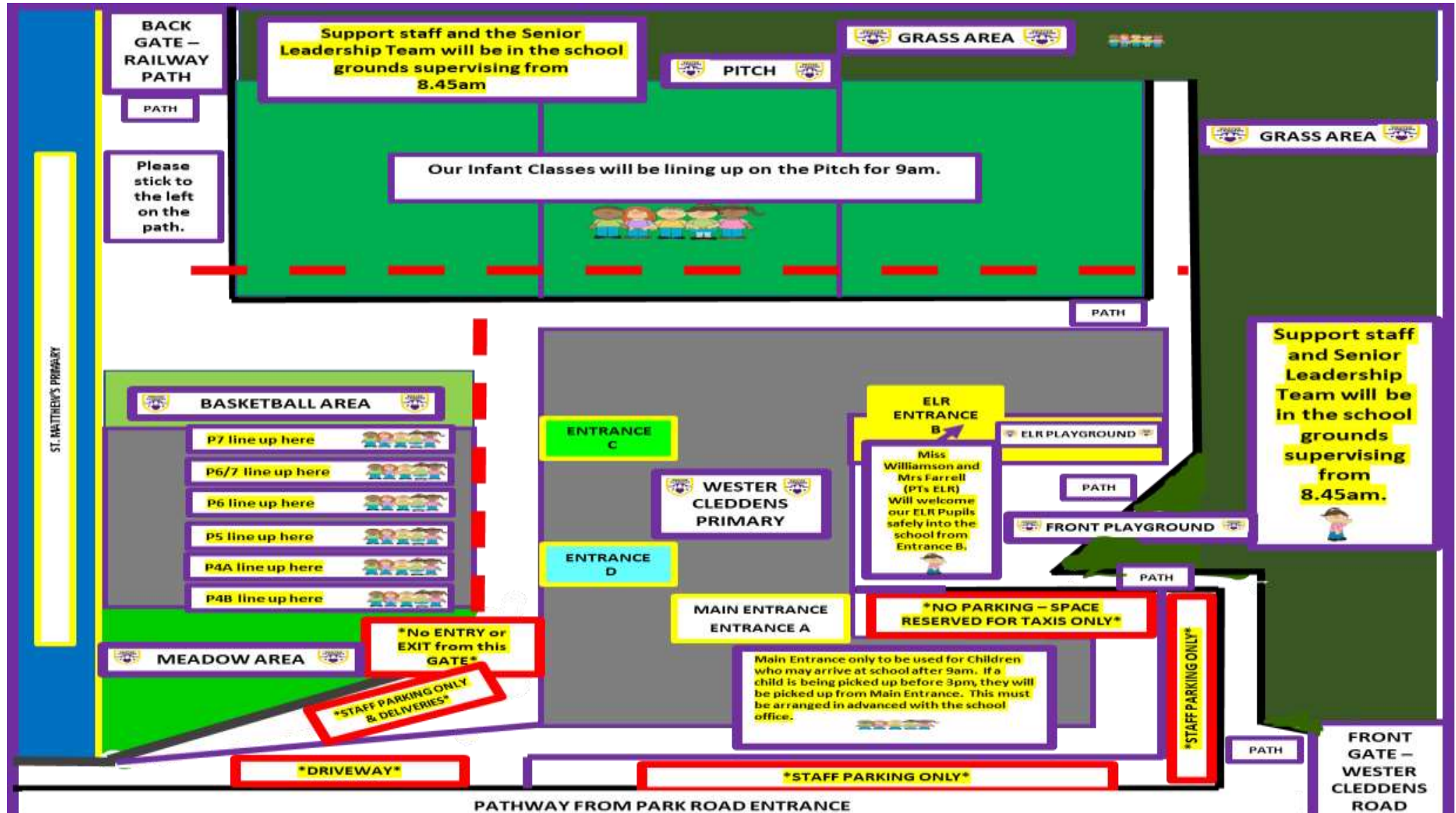
## Primary 1-3 End of the Day Overview

- Primary 1-3 will finish school at 3pm
- 1 adult per child is permitted to collect their child from the school grounds. Please be aware of the mitigations still in place to ensure the safety of all pupil, families and staff.
- Primary 2, Primary 3A and Primary 3B will all be dismissed at the School Pitch.
- Primary 1A and Primary 1B will be dismissed from the Basketball Area. This will be reviewed after the first full week of term.



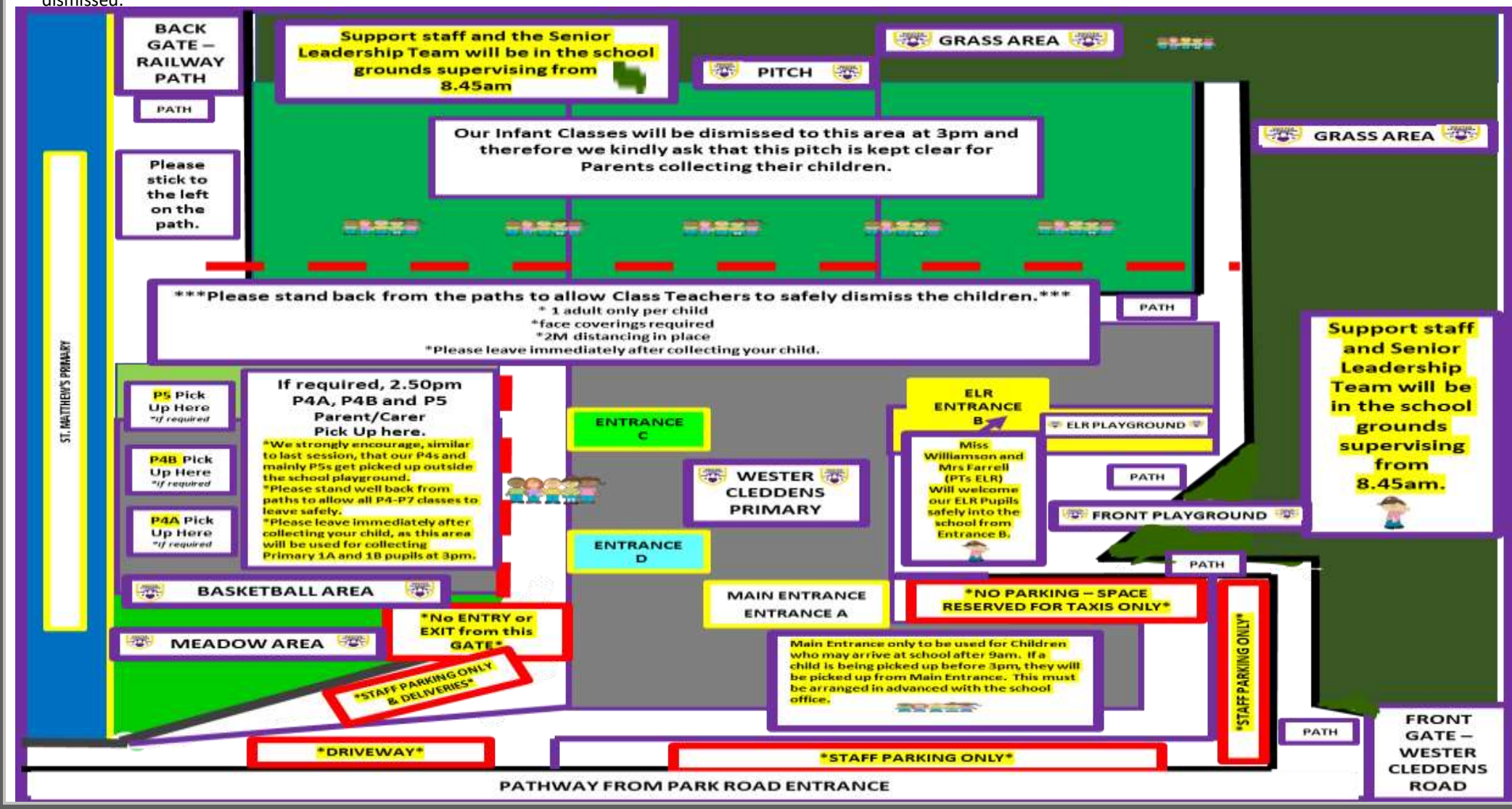
## Primary 4 – 7 Start of the Day Overview

- Primary 4-7 will start at 8.50am
- Primary 4A, Primary 4B, Primary 5 will enter the school via Entrance D.
- Primary 6, Primary 6/7 and Primary 7 will enter the school via Entrance C.
- Please see below, for where your child should line up in the morning. There will be staff within the school playground to support. Similar to last session.



## Primary 4 – 7 End of Day Overview

- Primary 4-7 will finish school at 2.50pm
- Primary 4A, Primary 4B, Primary 5 will exit via Entrance D.
- Primary 6, Primary 6/7 and Primary 7 will exit via Entrance C.
- Primary Like last session, we encourage our Primary 5s to be picked up outwith the school grounds. We would similarly, encourage this for our Primary 4s as well. However, should you need to pick up your child from the school, please follow guidance below.
- Please be aware that the Basketball Area is required for our infant (P1-P3) classes, as well as the pitch at 3pm. We therefore ask, that all children leave the school grounds immediately once they are dismissed.



## **Uniform Information**

Please see information below regarding uniform for this session.

### **On the days your child does not have PE:**

- White shirt, tie, grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore or alternatively a plain white polo shirt.
- If your child is wearing a jumper or cardigan, please can this be the school colour which is purple. It does not need to have a badge on it.
- Plain dark shoes or trainers

### **Your child will continue to have 2 sessions of PE a week and on these day we will do the following:**

- Your child can come to school in sportswear.\*
- This must be dark, plain joggers/leggings/tracksuit bottoms, shorts (weather/season dependent) and a plain suitable white t-shirt or polo shirt (crop tops should not be worn for PE).
- A suitable plain jumper and waterproof jacket.
- Trainers

We have had some internal work going on within the school, and further information regarding indoor shoes will be sent in due course. At this stage, please do not worry about having a pair of shoes for your child to change into.

Please ensure that all clothes are marked with children's name or initials. Everyone's uniform looks the same and therefore labelled clothes, shoes, water bottles etc... are the only way to help us distinguish what belongs to different children. This does not need to be stickers it could be written in pen on the label.

We have created individual stationery packs for all pupils again. If your child wishes to bring their own pencil case this is fine, however, please be aware that we have a stationery packs in place.

Further information, will be sent over the week regarding menus/lunches etc.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards

**Fiona Kynigos**

**Head Teacher**