



St Giles' School

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'Be the best you can be'

10 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family had an enjoyable summer holiday and were able to spend some quality time together. I would like to wish all our pupils and families a very warm welcome back to St Giles for the new academic year. It has been lovely to see pupils returning to school, reconnecting with their friends and settling back into familiar routines.

Term Dates

A copy of the **2026-2027 Term Dates** is attached for your reference.

Key dates for this term are:

- **Half Term:** Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026
- **Autumn Term Ends:** Friday 18 December 2026
- **Christmas Holiday:** Monday 21 December 2026 to Friday 1 January 2027
- **Spring Term Begins:** Tuesday 5 January 2027 (INSET Day Monday 4th January 2027)

Attendance

A gentle reminder that if your child is unable to attend school, please contact the school office on **each day of absence** providing a reason for the absence. Where possible, please also provide supporting evidence, for example appointment letters or medical evidence for hospital and healthcare appointments and keep us updated on your child's expected return to school.

I would also like to remind families that, in line with government guidance, I am not able to authorise holidays during term time. Leave of absence can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Meet the Teacher Afternoon

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to meet their child's teacher on **Monday 21st September from 3:30pm to 4:30pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's new



teacher, or catch up with them if your child is remaining in the same class. You will have the chance to visit the classroom and ask questions about the class, curriculum and learning and learn more about the year ahead.

The Head of Department will also be available should you wish to meet/speak to them too. We would love to see you there and look forward to welcoming you.

School Menu

Please find attached the school menu for Autumn Term 1 for your information. A new menu will be available after the October half-term break, and we will send this out to families nearer the time. If your child's dietary or medical needs have changed, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Coffee Morning with the Headteacher & the Senior Leadership Team

I would like to invite parents and carers to join me and members of the Senior Leadership Team for our first Coffee Morning of the year. This is an informal opportunity to meet together, ask questions and share ideas.

Date: Friday 18 September

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am

Venue: St Giles School

Please see the attached flyer for further details.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the school office by 17 September via email at office@st-giles.croydon.sch.uk or by telephone on **020 8680 2141**.

Meetings with Staff and the Headteacher

We value positive relationships with parents and carers and believe that working together is key to achieving the best outcomes for our pupils.

If you would like to speak with a member of staff or arrange a meeting with me, please contact the school office to make an appointment. This helps us ensure that the appropriate members of staff are available

Please note that teachers are unable to respond to emails, return telephone calls or meet with parents during the school day as their priority is teaching and supporting pupils. We aim to respond to parent queries within 48 working hours, although we will always endeavour to reply sooner where possible. Thank you for your understanding

Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you to all parents and carers who completed our recent parent survey. We greatly value your feedback as it helps us to celebrate what is working well and identify areas where we can continue to improve.



We were delighted that:

100% of parents said their child is taught well at St Giles School.

100% said staff understand that behaviour can be a way of communicating a child's needs, feelings and preferences.

95% said their child is treated with dignity, respect and kindness.

94% said their child is happy at St Giles School.

94% were satisfied overall with the education, care and support their child receives.

Parents also shared many positive comments about our caring staff, inclusive environment, communication with families and the support pupils receive to develop communication, independence and life skills.

We are incredibly proud of this feedback and would like to thank our families for working together to make St Giles such a positive and supportive school community.

I wish all pupils and families a positive academic year.

Warm wishes,



Marianne Rodger-Weetman
Headteacher

