

Wednesday, 2nd September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had a restful Summer break and are ready for the new school year ahead. We are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back. As we begin the Autumn term, we have a few important messages to share to ensure a happy and safe return to school.

New staff/Roles

We would like welcome some new staff members to our school. To our teaching staff we welcome Miss Hornby to Year 2. We also welcome Ms Baxendale to Year 3 who has moved from supporting in Year 6. We hope that you will make them feel welcome and part of our whole school family. A special welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children as they start their learning journey. We are looking forward to getting to know you all and we hope that you treasure the memorable experiences that you will have with us over the next few years.

National Breakfast Scheme

We are very pleased to announce that school is now taking part in the National Breakfast Scheme which provides all children with a free, nutritious breakfast to help prepare them for the day ahead. For the next two terms, we will be offering toasted bagels to every child each morning which will be delivered to their classrooms. Please let us know if your child has any allergies.

Arrangements for the return of all pupils

As you know, the government have planned that all children should attend school from September 2020. The scientific evidence shows that coronavirus (COVID-19) presents a much lower risk to children than adults of becoming severely ill, and there is no evidence that children transmit the disease any more than adults. However, while coronavirus (COVID-19) remains in the community, schools and colleges have put in place a range of protective measures. Our Health and Safety Risk Assessment document is available to view on our website, along with the updated Parent/Carer Handbook, which outlines all the arrangements for the return of all children, including details of start/end times and the entrances/exits for each year group to use. **Please take time to read through this and discuss it with your child.**

The Local Authority has put in place a process to support schools in dealing with any suspected or confirmed cases of coronavirus in schools, outlining the steps parents, carers and families must take. **Please see the Parent/Carer Handbook for further information on what to do if your child is unwell.**

Attendance and Punctuality

All children are expected to attend school every day. If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please telephone the school office before their designated start time. Where possible, please arrange doctor/dentist appointments outside school hours.



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You must ensure that your child arrives at school at their allotted time every day. If your child is late and arrives after their entrance gate has been closed, they will not be admitted into school and will be asked to return home as we need to ensure that bubbles are not mixed for the safety of pupils and staff at this time. **This will be in place from the 14th September.**

Uniform

The children are all expected to wear school uniform on returning to school. Please support us by ensuring your children are in the correct uniform every day.

Our school uniform is: Navy sweatshirt/cardigan (school logo or plain), white polo shirt, black/grey trousers/skirt and black shoes. (Black trainer style shoes with a black sole/and with no logos may also be worn). Girls are to wear navy/black hair bobbles only.

PE Kit is also a compulsory part of our uniform and children are asked to come to school in their PE kits on their PE day - White t-shirt, black shorts and trainers/black pumps for inside. They may wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms on colder days. **Please ensure that all children have their names written on each item of clothing (including coats) so that they can be easily returned if misplaced.**

Packed lunches

We are a healthy school and would like to remind families that fizzy drinks and chocolate are treats that should not be sent into school in children's packed lunch. **Please be reminded that no nuts of any kind are allowed in school, including nut-based chocolate/ chocolate spread due to the risk to staff and pupils with severe nut allergies.** Many thanks for your support with this.

Questions or concerns

Should you have any questions or concerns then please speak to your child's class teacher. All class teachers are available at the end of the school day. If you feel your question has not been answered or your concern resolved, please speak to your child's phase leader. These are:

Phase 1 (Nursery, Reception and Year 1)	Mrs Sherwin and Miss Smith
Phase 2 (Years 2, 3 and 4)	Mrs Rogers
Phase 3 (Years 5 and 6)	Miss Done

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