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Dear Parents/Carers

Important information regarding next academic year 2022-2023

As I write this, I cannot quite believe that we are approaching the end of the school year. This letter outlines some of the key information we wanted to share with you ahead of next year. Included within this letter is information regarding the below:

- ✓ *Uniform expectations*
- ✓ *PE days and expectations*
- ✓ *School Timings*
- ✓ *Pick up and Drop off arrangements*

Uniform Expectations

From September 2022, our new school uniform will be compulsory for all learners. This year we have had a hybrid of new and old and it has been great to see more and more families transition into new. We are delighted with our uniform transformation and am sure you too have seen the positive difference. Outlined below is our uniform. We do ask that you support us ensuring that all children arrive in school in the correct uniform. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact school or refer to the uniform policy on the website. If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable, please consult us before purchasing.

Our uniform consists of the following:

- Bottle green v neck sweatshirt with school logo
- Bottle green polo shirt with or without school logo
- Charcoal grey tailored school trousers
- Charcoal grey tailored school shorts
- Green tartan pleated skirt
- Black socks or tights
- Black school shoes or smart plain black trainers (no white soles, logos or stripes)

PE Kit:

- White round neck t-shirt
- Black plain shorts
- Black plain jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt/hoodie
- Trainers
- BFS hoodie (Optional)

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Hairstyles

We ask that hair styles are neat and tidy. All long hair must be tied up in school. If hair is too short to be tied up, it must be clipped back. Any hair clips/bands or accessories should be small in size, discreet and either black or bottle green.

Backpacks

Please note that backpacks are not permitted within school. We understand that backpacks can make it convenient for children and families to carry all belongings to school, however these are not needed during the school day. Due to the nature of first school, children will store their lunches on a trolley, water bottles within class and book bags within their classroom, leaving empty backpacks during the school day. Due to health and safety reasons, and the space outside of classrooms we do not have the storage to store these back packs. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

PE Days September 2022

Next year we will be continuing with children coming into school dressed in their PE kit on PE days. This has been a real positive and allowed us to maximise learning time within PE sessions. Please see below PE days for next year:

Reception	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 1	Monday and Tuesday
Year 2	Monday and Wednesday
Year 3	Thursday and Friday
Year 4	Thursday and Friday

Schools Timings

Over the past two years we have had many variations to our school pick up and drop off times as a result of COVID, this has allowed us to stagger the day, support families with dropping off and protect us all ensuring safety in the unprecedented times we found ourselves in. As much as COVID hasn't completely disappeared, we are now currently in a different situation as we continue to adapt, returning to what we once knew as normal practices. With this in mind we have reviewed our current pick up and drop off times and from September 2022, we will be returning to our times prior to COVID. This will allow continuity across the school as well as maximise the learning time for each child.

Morning Drop Off

All classroom doors will be open from **8.30am-8.40am** for children to arrive. This ten-minute window of time allows for you to drop your child off at their classroom door. The register will then be taken promptly at **8.40am** and the school day will start. The school gates will shut a few minutes before 8.40am, allowing enough time for children to reach their classroom doors, anyone arriving after the gate closes will be classed as late and will need to sign into school via the school office. It is very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. It is essential that you ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child's own learning and that of others.

Pick up

The end of the school day will return to **3.05pm**. The school gates will open from 3.05pm for you to collect your child from their classroom door. We ask that you arrive promptly for collection. We have a number of after school clubs each night, so ask that once collecting your child you leave the school ground promptly, the main gate will be closed shortly after 3.05pm to allow for clubs to start safely.

Pick Up and Drop Off Arrangements

From September, our new front entrance will be complete allowing us to return to our normal way into school. Both side gates; the gate leading into the main playground and side gate in front of the main office will be open for entering and exiting the school. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will always be on the gate to greet you; however, we do ask that you always keep your child close to you for safeguarding reasons. This ensures all children leave the site safely and with their trusted adult. Thank you for your support with this and also continued patience over the last few weeks with our current building work.

We are aware this is a lot of information, within one letter, however we felt it was vital to update you, with all information in one reference point to ensure a smooth and successful start to the new school year in September.

We thank you for your continued support and as always if you do have any questions or concerns please do get in contact by emailing the school office.

Best wishes



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