



3 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

New Academic Year 2021-2022

Welcome back to the new academic year. We hope you have had a fantastic summer break and that all our learners are refreshed and ready for the busy and exciting year ahead. We welcome all children back on **Monday 6 September** and cannot wait to see their smiling faces and begin to learn together again.

We have received a few queries over the summer holidays so please see the following information with regards to logistics and uniform:

- Morning drop off is 8.30am-8.50am, registers are taken promptly at 8.50am. If you arrive after 8.50am you will need to enter via the school office.
- End of the day pick up is between 3pm-3.15pm. Gates will close promptly at 3.15pm for the start of after school clubs.
- In light of parental feedback, the one-way system will stay in place to support a calmer and safer start and end of the day. Please follow around the school, dropping your child at their classroom door, exiting at the bottom gates. Please can we ask that nobody is on school site until 8.30am unless you are booked onto Morning Club.
- During the first week your child will be provided with their new book bag and further information about home reading.
- Children should only bring lunch boxes, water bottles and book bag to school daily. No other bags should be brought into school. This is due to storage and health and safety, we sadly do not have the space and they can become a trip hazard.
- Children to come to school in their PE kits on PE days. We will be starting this from Monday 6 September.
 - Year 4 - Tuesday and Thursday
 - Year 3 - Tuesday and Friday
 - Year 2 - Monday and Thursday
 - Year 1 - Monday and Wednesday
 - Reception - Wednesday and Friday
- Children must wear full school uniform on non-PE days. As this is a transition year for our new uniform we are aware children may be in either the old uniform, new uniform or a hybrid of both.

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COVID 19

We will continue to follow local and national guidance with regards to COVID 19. We are deeply mindful that this virus is still present and that despite the lifting of national restrictions it is important we all still remain vigilant. The guidance for schools has been updated, whilst there are a number of changes, we can assure you that we will still be following a number of control measures to ensure we keep everybody as safe as possible whilst ensuring as little disruption to the children's education. We will continue to ensure good hygiene with regular handwashing and that all spaces and areas around school will be well ventilated. We will be following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases.

In light of the new guidance, it is no longer necessary to keep children in 'bubbles'. This will enable flexibility within our curriculum delivery as well as resuming some of the whole school events such as assemblies and shared lunchtimes which we have all deeply missed. We will begin to re-introduce these over the next few weeks.

For many of us we are adjusting to the new guidelines associated with COVID and understand that all our families will have differing views and approaches to the current situation. We ask you to continue to support us in staying vigilant as we continue to work together in these unknown times. Should you have any concerns please do get in contact with us.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes



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Executive Headteacher



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Head of School