

Welcome back and thank you!

Welcome back to school! I hope you have enjoyed the six weeks but we are really happy to have the children back in school and we are really excited to begin their next stage of education. Undoubtedly, the first few weeks can create a little uncertainty and potentially worry, especially when joining new schools or new phases, but children generally react very quickly and positively to routine which is what the staff are focusing on right now. Despite expecting a few tears in the initial days, all of the staff have commented upon how well the children have returned/joined us this September. So can we say a massive thank you for your obvious efforts in getting the children school ready, whether that be uniform, returning to sleep routines or just getting them here on time.

Key Reminders/Changes

As we are all returning to routines, there are so many things to remember as well procedural changes that we have made. Therefore, you will have received an email today with a welcome letter from your phase that will outline some key aspects of learning for the term as well as a timetable and some key policies - Behaviour, Safeguarding, Attendance, Managing Medicines, Extended Care and Uniform – for your reference. However, as this is a lot of information, I would like to summarise some key points:

Entry/Egress

- Registers close at 8:50am for Key Stage 2 and 9:00am for our younger pupils. After this, a child is marked late.
- Younger children (Rec-Year 2) cannot enter the school alone and must be passed to a member of staff, included during breakfast club.
- Only Year 5/6 pupils are permitted to walk home alone if permission is given and we would not expect 5/6 pupils to be unsupervised at the school gate before 8:30 in the morning.

Behaviour

- Our policy applies to children outside of school when dressed in our school uniform and in terms of online issues, where we will deal with any concerns if families screenshot them and share with the school.
- Access to extra-curricular activities including extended care will be paused for the term if behaviour is an issue as these are outside of the school's statutory responsibilities.

Discussing Issues

- It is much easier to discuss an issue with the teacher at the end of the day as they need to supervise the class first thing. There is always a senior leader on the Junior playground who can pass on information if it is urgent or please contact the office.

Illness and Injury

- First aid reporting has now moved online and so paper accident slips will no longer be sent home. An email will be sent instead to notify you of any accidents that has required first aid treatment. If your child has a bump to the head or face, you will receive a text message or a telephone call.
- Please try to report any absence by phone, before 8:30am, stating the reason for absence to prevent the office having to try to contact you throughout the day.
- Any medicine must be passed to the office and a form completed including cough sweets etc.
- We will need to complete a home visit for any absence for longer than 5 days or 3 days prior/after a holiday period.

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Snack/Lunch

- All food needs to be ordered in advance through select.
- We are a nut-free kitchen but not a nut free school. Whilst we ask families to avoid sending in snacks containing nuts, we do not check all food items and therefore children with allergies need to be aware.
- Key Stage 2 pupils can bring in their own snack as long as this is fruit, dairy (cheese/yogurt) or a basic cracker (Ritz etc.).
- All pupils have at least 20 minutes to eat, 10 minutes of which is 'eating time' when there is not any talking to ensure the pupils consume enough of their lunch.
- We ask all home pack lunch pupils to take their leftovers home so that families can monitor how much has been eaten.
- Children need a bottle containing water every day. We are aware there are some children who have doctor letters linked to drinking containing other drinks, please speak to the class teacher or the office about this.

Uniform

- The children will go out in light rain and therefore, we would ask families to send in jackets if rain is forecasted.
- We are no longer allowing football boots for after school clubs as this limits them to the grass only.
- Pupils will complete PE outside as long as the temperature is above 3 degrees and therefore, need to dress appropriately.
- We do not allow bikinis for swimming or crop tops on non-uniform days.
- Your child can wear non-uniform on their birthday or the nearest day to it so that we know to wish them a happy birthday. We cannot allow sweets or treats to be given out on these days due to dietary issues.

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

3rd	Wednesday		Children return to school
8th	Monday	16:00	Activity clubs open for booking via Tucasi
9th	Tuesday	9:00 - 12:00	Willow Class - Additional PE
10th	Wednesday	9:00 - 11:00	Swimming starts for Willow class (7 weeks)
15th	Monday		Activity clubs start
16th	Tuesday	9:15 - 12:00	Rowan Class - Additional PE
18th	Thursday	19:00	PTA AGM Meeting
22nd	Monday		Flu Vaccinations - Reception to Year 6
23rd	Tuesday	9:15 - 12:00	Maple Class - Additional PE
24th	Wednesday		Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Check
26th	Friday		Individual School Photographs
30th	Tuesday	9:15 - 12:00	Oak Class - Additional PE



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