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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have been able to enjoy the summer break despite some rainy days and are looking forward to the start of a new school year. This school year we are able to return to some of our previous arrangements, which I have outlined below.

First day of the term for children in years 1-6 is **Thursday 2nd September 2021**

School day timings

School gates will be open between **8.40am and 8.50am**. The children will need to go straight to their classrooms. (On the first day, staff will be outside reminding them where they need to go.) Punctuality is very important as lessons start promptly. Late children will miss key parts of their learning. Children starting our reception classes this year have a separate induction period, so their times will be different to begin with.

The school day ends at - **3.00pm** for children in reception, **year 1 and 2**
- **3.05pm** for children in years **3, 4, 5, and 6**.
- Nursery times remain the same.

Breakfast club will be open on the first morning from 8am. If you wish your child to attend, please book a place using the Parent - Pay system. The cost continues to be £1.50 per session.

Covid control measures

Due to the success of the vaccination programme, we are able to reduce some of the control measures for the start of the autumn term. Families can enter the site and leave from either gate. Mask wearing is optional at present, so it is the choice of individuals whether to wear them while dropping and collecting the children. However, we do still request that you wear masks when you come into the building.

While the children are in school we will provide extra ventilation in all areas, continue with the extra cleaning during the day and handwashing at regular points during the day. The shared areas of the school, such as the library, will be in use again this year with careful control measures in place.

Symptoms

If your child has any Covid symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, and loss of sense of smell or taste), we will need to isolate them and send them home. It is vitally important to confirm whether it is Covid or not so, a PCR test must be carried out. Anyone who has been exposed to someone who has Covid, needs to take a test but no longer needs to isolate. It is important to work together to limit the spread ensuring we have enough staff for the smooth running of the school, and are able to keep our children and families as safe as possible.

Uniform

Please make sure your child has everything they need for a successful start to the new school year. We expect our children to wear our school uniform, which is grey trousers or skirts, white polo shirts, royal blue jumpers

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and black shoes only. We do have a second hand uniform sale rail in school just ask at the office. All uniform must have your child's name in it to enable us to return it to you. Last year we had a large amount of unclaimed lost property without names.

Children will start PE straight away so they will also need a school PE kit. Please remember we do not allow earrings to be worn during PE lessons. We also ask your child to come with a small book bag each day. Your child will need to bring their **reading book** and reading record into school **every day** and take it home again.

The menu for school dinners is the same as last term. It begins with Thursday of week one. If you would like your child to have a school dinner please book using the Parent Pay system.

I am optimistic about the new school year and am sure it will be smoother than the last two. Although we had to close during the national lockdowns, we managed to keep the vast majority of our school open. This was achieved by the whole school community working together to prevent the spread of Covid and I would like to thank you for your continued support in this.

Yours sincerely,

Miss D Henley
Principal