



Dear parents/ carers,

WELCOME BACK – a few reminders for the coming term.

School re-opens for children on **Tuesday 31st August** and this will be a 'Say Goodbye to Summer' Day – children are invited to come to school wearing their summer clothes and wearing a summer hat or sunglasses. The day will give us all a chance to get to know new classrooms, new teachers, connect with friends and will be filled with fun activities. The ice-cream van has also been invited back! *It is important children are here for that first day as they have missed out on transition this year.*

Wednesday 1st September, it will be business as usual and back in uniforms ready for learning. All Y1 – Y6 children will enter school through the main playground – we will not be using the door onto the street for Y5/6 to enter. There will be plenty of staff around in the playground to help guide you to where you need to be

Reception will use the gate and door on Bramhall Street and Foundation Stage 1 will use the Early Years playground as before the summer. Again, staff will be around to help if you are not sure.

The gates and doors will **open at 8.45 am and will be closed at 8.55**. All children need to be in school by this time as registers will be closed at 9am. Arriving after this time will be classed as late and will affect attendance.

At the end of the day, **gates will be opened at 3.10 and doors will open at 3.15pm for Foundation Stage 1 and 3.20pm** for the rest of the school. We will try to ensure the children are out promptly so you don't need to hang around for long.

We have found over the last few months that the start of the day has been easier for us all if children are dropped off at the door or even the gate. It has been lovely to see how they have grown in independence with this. We will continue to keep these arrangements the same at the beginning and end of the day and adults will be asked to remain outside.

We recognise the beginning and end of day can be busy so if you would like to talk to the class-teacher, we are more than happy for you to ring once you are home still if this is easier for you. This will help reduce crowds at the door.

We hope to continue our plans in getting back to 'normal' but we are mindful of rising Covid cases in the local area. We will continue to maintain a high level of hygiene with hand washing etc. Although the guidelines around social distancing to 2m apart are no longer legally binding, we would ask that you are mindful of close contact and try as much as possible to drop off and pick up promptly from school. One adult per pick up would also help us reduce over-crowding. Thank you for your support with this.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday

Best wishes
Mrs Patterson