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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and all your loved ones continue to be well. As we approach the end of this most peculiar school year I wanted to pull together below information for the end of term and the new school year in September.

Ambition for the full re-opening of schools

You will most likely be aware that the Government has confirmed their ambition for schools to re-open fully to all pupils in all year groups from September. I recognise how difficult these last few months have been for parents and welcome this news as I'm sure you do too. I feel confident that this is the right move, particularly from the success of our partial re-opening for priority year groups this term. At the same time, I respect that there may be some nervousness about the return. I have created a dedicated section on the school website which can be accessed via the following link, (https://endeavouracademy.org.uk/back-to-school) to keep you informed of the changes in place in order for us to educate our children safely from September. Please visit the website in advance of returning to school on 2nd September to familiarise yourself with arrangements in place.

September staggered drop off and collection arrangements

To keep the numbers of adults and children on site at any one time as low as possible, all pupils have been allocated a drop off and pick up time according to their year group. The table below shows where and when your child(ren) can be dropped off and collected. We ask for your co-operation in adhering strictly to the time slots given as the success of the system depends on this.

Year Gp	Drop/collect	Time in	Time out
Nursery	Nursery Gate	8.30am	11.30am
Reception	Reception Gate	8.40am	3.00pm
Year 1	KS1 door	8.40am	3.00pm
Year 2	KS2 door	8.40am	3.00pm
Year 3	KS2 door	8.50am	3.10pm
Year 4	KS1 door	8.50am	3.10pm
Year 5	KS1 door	9.00am	3.20pm
Year 6	KS2 door	9.00am	3.20pm

All families will enter school through the usual school gate and follow the one-way system to the car park exit. To prevent groups having to wait/gather on the school grounds, all members of the same family will attend and leave school at the times designated for the *youngest sibling* where there are siblings in different year groups. Please be aware that only one parent per household is permitted to drop/pick up children to keep numbers to a minimum on site. Parents of younger children are asked to settle children before leaving as physical contact/intervention by staff will not be possible







Uniform

All pupils will be expected to be in full school uniform when they return in September. This includes sweatshirts/cardigans and correct footwear (i.e. black school shoes and **no trainers**). There can be no exceptions. Repeated breaches of uniform policy without agreement from the Head teacher will lead to loss of break-times. For those parents who normally purchase their uniform via Kidstop in Hyde, please be advised that you are now able to purchase uniform from them online via their website www.kids-stop.co.uk.

Transition

Ordinarily during July all pupils get the opportunity to spend some time with their new teacher in their new classroom as part of our whole school transition programme. As this has not been possible staff have created a welcome video for pupils which can be viewed on the school website (https://endeavouracademy.org.uk/back-to-school). Please encourage your children to view the video from their new class teacher as it will help to get them ready for their September return.

Free School Meals

Families in receipt of the free school meal vouchers will this week be receiving a voucher to the value of £75 per child to cover the school summer holiday period. Please check e-mails and make sure you can redeem your voucher prior to school closure this Thursday, 23rd July, as staff will begin their summer break and will not be available beyond this date to support any difficulties.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will return from September at the increased price of £1 per child per day. This represents exceptionally good value for money as the club remains heavily subsidised by school. In line with Government guidance numbers will need to be limited and as such places are to be booked in advance using the link below and, as we are also unable to handle cash currently, places must be paid for via parent pay.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fDIWpBZLrUSzz1EJUVI-wmgtUXTq0blIu4fKK-o5rtFUNVBCMU9YUFZFNUZJREU2SEZWVzI2UTE2WC4u

Please be aware that bookings can only be accepted up to the Thursday of the previous week.

End of Year Reports

Pupils end of year school reports have been completed and will be e-mailed out to parents this week.

I want to finish by sincerely thanking you all for the support you have shown to school and your children throughout this period of closure. Thank-you for your recognition and kind words of appreciation for the efforts of staff that have ensured our children stay connected with school and have been able to continue their learning across the full range of subjects. Thank-you also for the efforts you have gone to in ensuring your children have completed work set – I acknowledge the challenge this posed as lockdown continued week after week. I would like to wish all our families a restful and peaceful summer break and look forward to welcoming you all back on 2nd September.

Carol Rhodes (Headteacher)



