

Monkton C. E. Primary School



Dear Parent/Carer,

I would firstly like to thank you for your patience and understanding at such a difficult time. During this pandemic most families, if not all, have faced significant changes to their normal lives and I hope you and your family have managed to stay safe and well.

Schools are constantly being sent through guidance and documentation about the wider re-opening and what schools may look like in September. These are unprecedented times and every decision we make is based on the safety and well-being of our children.

However, the good news is that the current Government guidance is for schools to fully re-open in September, so we have started to make plans for this. Obviously, all of this is subject to change over the summer, but all being well this is what we believe will allow your child to have the best possible transition into school at this time.

Week beginning 31st August

During this week schools open on Wednesday 2nd September. During this week we would like you to **attend a face to face meeting with your child's class teacher**. This will allow you to discuss your child's needs and any concerns you have and generally share information about their likes and dislikes. These will happen at the school and we ask that you sign up for these using our Teachers2Parents booking site (you will receive more information on this when booking slots are available). These will run on Wednesday morning, Thursday all day and Friday morning. We ask that children do not to attend these if at all possible so that you can be truly honest about your child and focus on any additional information needed.

This week we would also like to invite the children in on two occasions:

Wednesday 2nd September @ 1:30-2:30pm for a Come and Play session. This will predominately be outside, to allow parents to stay, but it will also allow children to meet each other, see their environment and meet their teacher.

Friday 4th September @ 11:30 - 1:00pm for a Teddy Bear's Picnic (please bring a picnic lunch and teddy). During this session the children again will be given a chance to meet each other and their teachers. At about 12:30pm they will then be taken down to

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their classroom for a story. Parents at this point will be asked to remain outside of the classroom so that children start to get used to be left and also reduce the number of people in the room.

Week beginning 7th September

All children this week will complete a week of part time schooling with the times that follow:

Monday 7th - Wednesday 9th September - 9:15 - 11:45am - drop off and collection point from their outside area.

Thursday 10th - Friday 11th September - 9:15 - 1:00pm - so that children can experience a school lunch for the first time.

Week beginning 14th September

All children to start full time schooling. If you do not feel your child will be ready for this then it can be discussed on an individual basis at your parent/carer-teacher face to face meeting.

We believe this will allow all children to have a taster session in school but to also allow them to start school promptly as we know some parents are anxious about the amount of nursery some children have missed.

By now you should have received your information pack with the following forms in:

1. Admission Forms called PR3 A
2. Medical Form called PR3 B
3. Home/school Agreement
4. Photographic Image Consent
5. Local Visit Consent
6. Allergy/Intolerance Information/Consent
7. Pupil Ethnic Monitoring Consent
8. Walking Bus Permission & Promise

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9. Peanut Allergy Reply Slip
10. Universal Infant Free School Meals Application

Please complete these and send them back to school as soon as you can. Mrs Webb will also need to see your child's birth certificate, a copy can be scanned and emailed or the original can be brought to your face to face meeting.

School Uniform - A stock of Monkton Baseball Caps and Book Bags are held in the school office and can be purchased throughout the year. All other items may be ordered online (see information sheet/order form)

School Milk - Your child is entitled to free school milk if they are under 5 years old and are registered automatically to receive milk from the start of term. Once your child reaches their 5th Birthday, you will be able to purchase milk directly from our supplier. More details will follow in due course.

Free School Meals Your child is entitled to free school meals when they are in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. Please ensure you complete the enclosed form and return it to school to register for free meals for your child. At Monkton CEP School children whose families are entitled to welfare benefits are also eligible to free school trips and activities.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are puzzled about anything or if you require more information. You can email me at jguilder@mandm.school and I will do all I can to answer any further questions.

In the meantime, please take care and stay safe and check your emails through the summer in case anything changes.

Kind regards,

Mrs Joanne Guilder

Senior Teacher