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Care, Collaboration, Challenge

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Dear Parent

Plans for September

We are looking forward to welcoming all of the children back on Friday 3rd September.

For our Key Stage 2 children, the whistle is blown on the Key Stage 2 playground at **8.55am** and children will line up with their class teacher. On the Key Stage 1 playground, the whistle will be blown at **9.00am** and children will line up by their classroom door. The Nursery and Reception doors will open at **9.00am**. Children will be greeted at the classroom door by an adult. Parents will not be able to enter either the Nursery or the Foundation unit. During the pandemic, this was necessary and we found that it really helped to develop the children's independence.

School finishes at **3.30pm**. Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 children must be handed over to an adult. Key Stage 2 children will be allowed out onto their playground. There will be a member of staff on the playground and children that are being picked up should be reminded to go to that adult if their parent is not there.

From the start of this term, we want to get back to as much normality as we can. We will continue to wash hands frequently, though there will be an end to bubbles and to Key Stage 2 children having to eat in their classrooms. Children will no longer have to face the front in class, so we'll be able to put our tables back into groups. This really helps to build collaborative skills. One thing that we are keeping from the pandemic is our split break times. Year 3 and 4 will continue to have break times together and Year 5 and 6 will have a separate break. The children requested that we continue this, and as it has worked so well, we're very happy to do this.

Our Year 5 and 6 children will be able to wear their PE kit for the whole day each Friday. This will start on Friday 10th September. May I remind you that our PE kit consists of black shorts and a school PE top which can be purchased from Greenswear. As it gets colder, children may wear a plain coloured sweatshirt and plain coloured leggings/jogging bottoms.

From the 16th August, children will not be required to self-isolate, even if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19. The only time a child would have to self-isolate is if they have symptoms or they have tested positive themselves.

Term Dates

In 2022, there will be an additional Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As this falls during the May half term break, all schools have been given an additional day's holiday, to be taken at our discretion. We have added this day to the May half term break, so school will now be closed on Friday 27th May 2022. Our term dates for both 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 can be found on our school website.

Breakfast Club

From September, the price for breakfast club is increasing to £4.25 for the session.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Friday.

Yours faithfully

A. Willett