

Valley Primary School

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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to the new term and I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break with the opportunity to catch up with family and friends. As a staff team, we are looking forward to welcoming the pupils back to school on Wednesday morning ready for another busy term of learning.

The school gates will open each morning at 8.45am and pupils will have a 10-minute window to make their way to their classrooms for registration at 8.55am. Pupils can make their way to class as soon as they arrive in the mornings and they will no longer have to line up on the playground at the start of each day. All pupils are expected to be seated in class by 8.55am and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that when a pupil arrives at school after the register has closed, this is marked as a 'late' and contributes to the unauthorised absence total. Since the full re-opening of schools in March, pupil attendance has been excellent and I am sure that this trend will continue. **The school day finishes for all pupils at 3.30pm.**

For our new Reception parents, by way of a reminder of the information supplied in the induction packs, the table below sets out the timetable for **Reception pupils** over the next two weeks.

Date	Event
Tuesday 31st August	INSET Day – School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 1st September	Meet the Teacher meetings – Schools closed to Reception pupils only
Thursday 2nd September	Meet the Teacher meetings – School closed to Reception pupils only
Friday 3rd September	Invited pupils only to attend for the morning 8.45am – 11.45am (PLEASE CHECK YOUR INDUCTION PACK TO SEE IF YOUR CHILD IS DUE TO ATTEND)
Monday 6th September	All Reception pupils to attend for the morning 8.45am – 11.45am
Tuesday 7th September	All Reception pupils to attend for the morning 8.45am – 11.45am
Wednesday 8th September	All Reception pupils to attend for the morning and stay for lunch 8.45am – 1.15pm
Thursday 9th September	All Reception pupils to attend for the full day.

This term, we will continue with the policy of pupils attending school in their PE kit on the day that they have PE. The table below sets out the PE days for the different year groups.

Day of the Week	Year Group PE Days
Monday	Year 5
Tuesday	Year 1 & Year 4
Wednesday	Reception & Year 3
Thursday	Year 2 & Year 6

PE lessons will begin from week beginning Monday 6th September and Reception pupils will start their lessons later in the term with parents being informed of the exact date via the Reception newsletter.

The new term will see pupils return to wearing the correct school uniform and Year 1 pupils also now move to wearing shirts and ties. A copy of the uniform policy is available on the website <https://www.valleyprimary.co.uk/parents/uniform> and the school also has a selection of nearly new uniform so please contact the main office for more details.

In line with the latest Department for Education guidance for schools, Valley will no longer operate the bubble system this term. The updated risk assessment outlining the COVID-19 safety measures still in place is attached in this Parentmail.

You may recall that the school was successful with both CIF bids this year and it has been a busy summer of works at Valley. Extensive works have been undertaken on upgrading the school's fire alarm systems and other fire safety measures along with improvements to the site security. The works are now entering the final stages with the remainder of the internal door replacements scheduled for the October half-term. The final piece of work using the money that was awarded to the school from Mayor of London's Greener City Fund was also completed over the holidays and we extend our thanks to Mr. Hills of RHL Landscapes for this improvement to the school grounds.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Jackson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. S Jackson
Head Teacher