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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely seeing the children back at school this week. Thank you for observing the social distancing procedures that we have put in place to keep the children, the staff and you safe whilst on the school premises. The children returned to their 'old' classes (the classes that they were in when we closed the school in March) with their 'old' teachers. Today, the children got to meet their new teachers and spent most of the day in their new classes. From Monday 7th September, all children will be in their new classes with their new teachers. Please note the change of venue for dropping off and collecting children and the times of the school day for the year groups.

Year Group	Start of the day	Drop off point	End of the day	Collection point
Year 1	08:40	Infants playground	15:00	Infants playground
Year 2	08:40	Year 2 classrooms in the Cube	15:00	Year 2 classrooms in the Cube
Year 3	08:55	Juniors playground	15:15	Juniors playground
Year 4	08:55	Juniors playground	15:15	Juniors playground
Year 5	09:10	Juniors playground	15:25	Juniors playground
Year 6 6I and 6P	09:10	Juniors playground	15:25	Juniors playground
Year 6 6G	09:10	Room 6G in the Cube	15:25	Room 6G in the Cube

Children in Reception and the ARP will be on a staggered start from Monday 7th September. Separate letters have already been sent out to families.

Punctuality

It was a great start with very few children arriving at school late in the morning or being collected late in the afternoon. Thank you for making sure that your children are dropped off and collected on time. A gentle reminder that for health and safety reasons we request that only one parent or carer drops off /collects their child from school.

Children arriving after the start times (see above) will have to be escorted by their parent/carer to the late arrival/collection point. Parents/carers collecting their children late will have to collect their children from the late collection point. Parents will be asked for the reason for being late – please do not be offended by this request. Please note the change of venue for late arrivals and collections: this is at the entrance to the dining hall (next to the main reception of the school).



Year 5 and 6 pupils have been allowed to travel to and from school on their own with parental permission. Only pupils travelling to and from school on their own are allowed to bring mobile phones into school. These pupils and their parents/carers have to adhere to the Mobile Phone Agreement which has been sent in a separate letter.

School Meals and Healthy Eating

Our school follows a healthy eating plan. Our nutritious and balanced school meals are prepared on site by trained catering staff. Should you wish to give your child a packed lunch, please ensure that it is healthy and follows our school's Packed Lunch Policy (please see Policy on the website).

Please avoid:

- Snacks such as crisps and popcorn
- Confectionary such as chocolate bars, biscuits and sweets
- Fizzy drinks, drinks with added sugar or sweetener
- Drinks in glass bottles, or ring pull cans
- The remains of the previous evening's takeaway
- Lunch boxes should not regularly include items that are high in fat or salt. For example cooked sausages, sausage rolls, chipolatas, corned meat, meat pies, etc

Please remember to top up your ParentPay account if your child receives a school meal. The school will provide a free school meal to those pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant. All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal. If your child is in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 – Year 6), please contact the office if you think you are entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant (Free School Meals).

PE and Swimming

By now, you would have been notified of the day for PE and swimming lessons, starting from Monday 7th September. For health and safety reasons, all PE lessons will be held outdoors. We have reduced the number of pupils using the school's swimming pool. This term, pupils in Years 3 and 4 will have swimming lessons.

In Early Years, KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) and LKS2 (Year 3 and Year 4), children will keep their PE kits in school for the half term. In UKS2 (Year 5 and Year 6), children will need to take their PE kits home every week to be washed and returned clean for the following week. For health and safety reasons, the school cannot lend PE or swimming kits to any pupils.

School uniform

We would like to remind you that children need to come to school wearing a clean school uniform every day. We understand that this might be difficult for some families; in that case, please contact our Parent Liaison Officer, Mrs Cross, for advice and support.

Getting in touch - Weduc

We understand that our policy of parents and carers coming into school by appointment only has limited the usual contact with the school.

If you wish to get in touch with the school office or a member of staff, please phone, email the school or get in touch using the Weduc App to make an appointment.

To minimise the amount of items transferring from school to home and vice versa, as well as to reduce the amount of paper usage, all communication will be done through the free Weduc App. Please contact the office if you are unable to access this app or if you are experiencing problems using it.

Yours sincerely,

Mr W. Pedro
Head Teacher

