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## “Educating for Life In All Its Fullness”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are near the end of the summer break and at the start of another school year. We are all hoping that this year will be an exciting year with minimal disruption to routines. You will all be aware that much of the COVID guidance has changed over the summer but also that COVID rates remain a concern. In school we will need to continue work with guidance to strike a balance between keeping everyone safe and also trying to ensure a full and exciting curriculum for the children.

As we start the term we will be maintaining some of the routines which worked so well at protecting our families last year but others will be relaxed. Any changes will be monitored and adapted as required and following any guidance we receive.

‘Bubbles’ are now no longer required by schools. This means that we will now be able to let the children mix more widely at playtimes and lunchtimes. Many of our children have missed this. We will also be able to start having whole school Collective Worship once more. Both of these will really help bring our school together and build the sense of community that we missed when we all had to stay apart.

Regular cleaning, hand washing and sanitizing will continue along with maintaining ventilation and minimizing sharing resources and mixing groups of children in confined spaces. Staff will also continue to perform COVID tests twice weekly.

Face masks are now no longer required to be worn by staff or children in school settings. We will not be requiring parents to wear face masks at the drop off and pick up times or when outside on school property (You may of course choose to do so if you wish). Our current Risk Assessment requires visitors entering the school building to wear a mask, at least in the short term, and this will apply to parents who enter the building.

Any procedures we put in place will be regularly reviewed during new term. We will keep you informed of any changes but for the moment we will be reducing restrictions with caution until we see how things work.

At the end of term we sent out a letter outlining various arrangements and requirements for the start of term. I have included these below.

### Start and End of the School Day

Last year the start and end to the school day had to be different. We have taken feedback from families about how the start and end to the school day worked during the year. Many families indicated that they appreciate the flexible start to the day which made the morning less stressful and parking for drop off easier. Others said that they miss the opportunity to see teachers face to face and actually meet other parents on the playground. We have tried to balance the parental feedback and the need for routines that work for classes and the routines for September are laid out below.



<p><b><u>Morning Drop Off</u></b> (Similar to this year but with a reduced time slot to aid classroom management)</p>	<p>The gates will open at 8.40am and remain open until 8.50am when school will officially start and the classes will be registered. If you arrive after this time you will need to go through the main office and sign your child in.</p> <p>Locations for drop off will be the same as this year. Class 1 – At the Class 1 garden door Class 2 and 4 – Through the black gates Class 3 – Through the office door</p>
<p><b><u>Afternoon Pickup</u></b> (This is more like pre-COVID routines)</p>	<p>The gates will open at 3.05pm. All families should enter the school site via the black gates and make their way to the classroom doors. The children will finish at 3.15pm and be released by the teachers to you from the classrooms.</p>

### **Before and After School Club.**

These will be running as normal from the first day back. The timings and costs remain the same as last year along with the ability to book onto sessions on a flexible basis, as and when required. Online bookings can be made up to the day before, after this time you will need to contact the school office for a place to be reserved.

In a change to the booking system for September, you will be asked to pay for sessions at the time of booking rather than paying in arrears. If this is a problem, please contact the school office.

<p><b>Before School Club – Early Birds</b></p>	<p><b>7.45am – 8.45am</b> Cost £4.00</p>	<p>Drop off is from the black gates. Please ring the buzzer to be let in.</p>
<p><b>After School Club – Night Owls (Short Session)</b></p>	<p><b>3.15pm – 4.30pm</b> Cost £5.50 including a snack and drink.</p>	<p>For pickup please ring the buzzer at the black gates to say you have arrived. The club staff will then bring your child to the school office door for collection. Club can also be called on 07712 216207 to say you have arrived.</p>
<p><b>After School Club – Night Owls (Long session)</b></p>	<p><b>3.15pm – 6pm</b> Cost £11.00 including an evening meal served at 5pm.</p>	

If you have been delayed when collecting children in After School Club, please also 07712216207 to warn staff. Children collected late from the first session may be charged for a long session as food will have been prepared for them.

### **Uniform**

It is very important that the standard of uniform is maintained in school so we can a consistent appearance and it sets the standard for learning and behaviour.

#### **Normal Uniform**

- Royal Blue V-necked jumper or cardigan
- Dark grey skirt or grey trousers (not leggings or trousers with decoration)
- A white blouse or shirt
- A school tie



The skirts / trousers / blouses / shirts can be obtained from any high street store. School tie and school jumpers, embroidered with the school crest, can be ordered from Kool Kidz in Wetherby (01937 589422 or [www.koolkidzuniforms.com](http://www.koolkidzuniforms.com)). Fleece, waterproof coats and hats with the school logo are also available for families who wish to purchase them. Replacement school ties are available from the school office. In Summer the uniform remains the same except that **grey shorts** or a **blue and white summer dress** may be substituted appropriately.

#### Footwear

Shoes should be **black school shoes** (not trainers). If bad weather requires the children to wear wellies or boots while travelling to school, they should bring their school shoes with them to change into once here.

#### PE Kit

The required school PE kit for PE days is:

- A school hoodie with the school crest
- A school PE top with crest
- navy shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Sensible, non-marking outdoor training shoes

These can also be purchased from Kool Kidz in Wetherby.

### **PLEASE MARK ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING WITH THEIR NAME**

#### Pre-Loved Uniform

The PTA also has a stock of pre-loved uniform which can be purchased. For details of their current stock (or if you would like to donate uniform) contact one of the PTA or the school office.

#### School Dinners

From the start of term we will be back with Monti cooking meals fresh in the school kitchen. There will be a range of menu which the children can choose from each morning. A new menu for the autumn term includes 2 hot main choices along with a sandwich and a jacket potato option each day so there is plenty to choose from. For Class 1 and 2 the meals are free under the government universal infant free school meals system. The cost for Class 3 and 4 is £2.40 per day and these are paid for via your SchoolMoney account.

For a copy of the menu please look on the school website ([www.harewood.leeds.sch.uk/school-meals/](http://www.harewood.leeds.sch.uk/school-meals/))

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and I am looking forward to seeing everyone next Tuesday and hearing about what everyone has been up to.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Ratcliffe

