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“Educating for Life In All Its Fullness”

Returning to School – September 2022

Dear Families,

I hope you have all had a great holiday and the children have had chance for a well-deserved rest before we start the new school year. Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September are both training days with the children starting back on Wednesday 7th September. (Although staff will be in school for these days, the office will not be continually staffed, as we will be all in training for much of the time. If you need to contact school, please email or leave a message on the answerphone and we will get back to you).

At the end of term, I sent out various information regarding the start of term and school routines. Below are a few reminders and updates.

The School Day.

The gates will open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am to alleviate some of the parking issues and to allow for a more settled entry into school and start to the day. Class 1, 2 and 4 will continue to enter school via the black gates entrance and Class 3 via the office to aid flow in a morning. After 8.50am your child will be classed arriving late and you will need to bring your child through the main door and sign them in. Punctuality is important.

At the end of the day the gates will open at 3.05pm to enable you to collect the children at 3.15pm when the class teachers will bring them to the playgrounds.

School Lunches

For families with children in Reception and Class 2 school lunches will remain free in September. For children in Classes 3 and 4 the catering agency have increased charges per meal so there will be a very slight increase from £2.40 to £2.44 per day.

Before and After School Club

Mrs Flowerdew sent out new Before and After School Club registration documents before the holiday. It is important that you complete these, even if you have done one before so we have up to date contact details and also to show that you are aware of the routines associated with using the clubs.

There will be a few staffing changes to the Clubs next year but we are planning to be able to offer the same flexible system of booking as this year with places available to book up to the night before. We want to be able to support families in this way and this system is unusual for schools. Most require families to pre-book regular slots often weeks in advance and we are keen to avoid this and to provide a service when families need us.



We do ask that families help us with this by making sure they book and don't just turn up or leave children at the end of the day without letting us know.

From September, there are a couple of changes for the clubs. For the last 2 years we have been absorbing a number of cost increases and have avoided increasing the charge for the clubs. Unfortunately, we cannot continue this and break even. As a result, the Governor Resources Committee have authorised an increase in charges.

From September the fees will be:

Before School Club	7.45 – 8.45am (Fruit is available but no breakfast is provided)	£5.00
After School Session 1	3.15 – 4.30pm (Snack included)	£6.50
After School Session 2	4.30 – 6pm (Evening meal included)	£6.50

The raised costs are to cover the increases to staffing costs, and the cost of resources and food. We are sorry that we have been unable to keep prices the same but the current inflationary pressures meant that we could not on top of holding prices last year.

The payment system will continue to work the same way with families paying at the time of booking. In emergencies, children can be booked into club on the by the school office. If this is the case, you will need to pay the next time you log onto the system. The majority of families are very good at supporting school with this. A very small number of families build up considerable arrears in payments despite regular reminders from the school office. From September, families with arrears of more than £39 per child (3 full evening sessions) will not be able to attend clubs until the debt is cleared. We are sorry to have to do this but school cannot afford to either hold these debts, or the staff time required to repeatedly chase payments. This change will have no effect families who book in advance or clear emergency booking arrears quickly.

School Uniform

If you are planning on purchasing new uniform before the start of term there are no changes to the previous uniform. The requirements are as follows:

- *Royal Blue V-necked jumper or cardigan*
- *Dark grey skirt or grey trousers (Not leggings or trousers with decoration),*
- *A white cotton blouse or shirt*
- *A school tie. (These are also available from the school office)*



The skirts / trousers / blouses / shirts / summer dresses 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). Fleece, Waterproof coats and hats with the school logo are also available for parents who choose to purchase them.

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 once in school.



PE Kit

On PE days the children should come to school in their PE kit to avoid having to change. PE kit consists of:

- Navy blue/black plain jogging bottoms or leggings
- Navy blue shorts can be worn in warmer weather
- A school hoodie top (available from Kool Kidz)
- A school PE top (available from Kool Kidz)
- Trainers (preferably plain and dark coloured, ideally black)

The school office has a stock of ties, winter hats, book bags and shoe/swimming bags. The PTA has branded Pre-Loved uniform for sale if families prefer, and the school office can put you in touch with the relevant people.

Jewellery and Other Accessories

Jewellery including necklaces and bracelets should not be worn for school. Earrings must be simple studs and avoided if at all possible.

Smart watches should not be brought to school to avoid both the risk of breakages and temptation to use functions other than telling the time.

Mobile phones should not be brought into school. If a child does bring a phone to school, it must be handed into the school office on arrival and collected at the end of the day.

Children with long hair should tie this back to aid safety in PE and playtimes but also to aid with hygiene. When hair is tied back, simple bobbles or blue hairbands are required. Please do not use hairbands with large bows etc. or in colours other than school colours.

No makeup should be worn by the children for school and nail varnish should be avoided during term time.

If you are struggling with the cost of uniform or with obtaining items, please contact the school office and we would be happy to see what we can do to help.

Details of uniform with pictures can also be found on the school website

<https://harewood.leeds.sch.uk/uniform/>

Contact information

During the year you may have changed phone number, email or even moved house. It is important that families keep school up to date with changes so we have correct contact details. This could also be details of the people you have listed as other emergency contacts. During September we will be sending out information for you to check and update.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone back with us and to welcome our new reception next week. I am sure the children will be keen to share what they have been doing over the break and to see friends again. Enjoy the rest of this week.

Mr Ratcliffe
Headteacher

