

1st September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back

We are excited to be welcoming all of our pupils back to school on Monday 5th September. Please see below for some general information and reminders.

Morning Drop Off

Drop off for all year groups is at the playground gate or Drop & Go area as usual. The school gates will open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. Staff will be on the school gate to greet children as usual. **The school day will start at 8.55am and children arriving after this time will be marked as late.**

Reception New Starters will start at 9.30am on their first day. They will come in through the main school gate.

Afternoon Collection

The school gate will open at 3.00pm and close at 3.10pm. Parents/carers should wait on the playground and once collected children and parents/carers will leave through the front of school or back through the playground gate if it is not too busy. Please note all children must be collected on the playground and not at the office. Please note dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.

Reception children will be collected via the side gate near the hall door fire exit.

Consent for Children Walking Home Alone

A number of our older junior children (Year 4, 5 & 6) have permission to walk home alone after school. **If this applies to your child please can you ensure you login to the School Gateway and record your consent.** Please note if you give consent then your child will be released without an adult every day. If we do not have permission for your child to walk home we will need to contact you by telephone.

Bike Shed

Bikes and scooters should be taken through the usual playground gate and stored in the bike shed. Please note there should be no scooters or bikes left outside the front of school.

School Uniform

We expect all our pupils to wear the correct school uniform. Staff encourage children to be smart and presentable in wearing the school uniform and we also ask for parents/carers support in this matter. If you are struggling to buy school uniform please call into school as we have a selection of nearly new items available.

School uniform consists of blue Gorsewood sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece, grey trousers/skirt/shorts/pinafore, white shirt or polo style T-shirt and black, flat sensible footwear (no coloured trainers, mules, jellies or open-toed sandals). Long hair should be tied back and the only jewellery allowed is studded earrings. Please support school by ensuring your child wears the correct uniform. School has a number of spare uniform items for children who do not wear uniform.

PE Sessions

Children should come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. Please ensure appropriate footwear is worn. Tracksuit bottoms may also be worn if required on colder days. **A reminder that PE kit consists of a plain white T-shirt/Gorsewood T-shirt, blue/black shorts or black jogging bottoms and school PE hoody or Gorsewood sweatshirt/cardigan or fleece. Please note sports kits and gym wear are not PE uniform.** Again, school has spare PE kit for those children not wearing appropriate PE kit.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mon & Wed	Mon & Wed	Mon & Wed	Tue & Fri	Mon & Tue	Thu & Fri	Wed & Thu (swim)

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a standard size water bottle **(with a sports cap top)** each day with water and not juice in. Gorsewood bottles are available from the school office priced at £2.00.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available for all children if required and remains exceptional good value for money. It is subsidised by school and is the cheapest in the area.

Breakfast Club operates from 7.30am until 8.30am. There is a daily charge of £1.00 per child. Breakfast is available at no extra cost and includes toast, cereal, milk and juice. **Please note children attending breakfast club must book sessions online using the Clubs option on the School Gateway.**

Early Bird Drop In is available from 8.30am. For children attending from 8.30am there is no charge and booking is not required. Breakfast is still available.

All other children will still be offered bagels in classrooms from their arrival as usual.

Afterschool Clubs

Clubs will be running for Year 1 to Year 6 this term and will start w/c 19th September. Further information will be sent out soon and booking will be online via the School Gateway. Reception clubs will be available next term once the children have settled in and adjusted to the school routine.

Swimming

We are pleased to confirm that swimming will start this term. Year 6 will swim this half term. A separate letter with further information will be sent. Please note swimming will take place on a Friday afternoon and will start Thursday 8th September. Year 5 will swim next half term followed by Year 4 the half term after.

Forest School

All classes will have a block of forest school sessions throughout the year. Year 2 will start this term. Further information will follow.

Mobile Phones

We would like to remind you that mobile phones are not allowed in school unless in exceptional circumstances and only in prior agreement with the Headteacher. Please contact school if you feel your child needs to bring their mobile phone.

Tuck

We have been fortunate enough this year to secure some additional funding towards the cost of tuck. We are therefore asking parents/carers for a contribution of **£5.00 per pupil for the full academic year.**

Daily tuck consists of a piece of fruit later in the morning. Children under 5 will still receive free daily milk and milk will also be available for all children at lunchtimes.

If you would like your child to have daily tuck, payment needs to be made online via the School Gateway. **The payment option is now live.** Please note that children are not allowed to bring their own tuck.

Information/Updates

Please ensure you are signed into the School Gateway and have selected allow notifications so you can receive messages. Please also ensure you check your emails regularly.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely



Miss E Jackson
Headteacher

