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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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Welcome back to a new school year - still in incredible times!

It has been fantastic to see all the children and families after so long apart and school is quite rightly buzzing with excited children and staff - we have missed you!

We have been hard at work all holiday to get school ready for the safe return of all children and hopefully you can see the planning and thought that has gone into safe routines and practices.

On Thursday we had 87% of children return to school and we hope that in the new future we will have all children back.

School Uniform

We have returned to all children wearing school uniform and we will be wearing the Winter Uniform of:

Boys - Grey trousers, white shirt, blue school jumper, school tie, grey socks

Girls - Grey skirt, pinafore or grey school trousers, white blouse, blue school cardigan/jumper, school tie, white/grey socks or tights.

Please note footwear should be black sensible shoes.

All uniform should be labelled with your child's name. Each year we have vast amounts of uniform unclaimed in our lost property.

School Uniform can be purchased online by visiting My Clothing Limited. School ties are available in the school office to buy - £2.80 for an elasticated tie and £3.30 for a normal tie.

Covid-19

The children are reminded about the need to wash their hands frequently and not touch their faces if possible!

If your child has any Covid symptoms:

- high temperature
- a new continuous cough
- a loss or change to their smell or taste

they must not come into school and you should arrange for your child to have a test. Please inform school of the result.

Should a child develop symptoms in school we will ring you to come and pick up your child. They will be taken to the 'Rainbow Room' in school with a member of staff to await your arrival.

We ask you to take them to be tested and inform school of the outcome. We are then guided by NHS Test and Trace service if the test is positive and ask that you follow their advice if called to self-isolate.





Start and End of the Day

Please refer to the start and end times for your child's class on the school website.

Alterations to times are to prevent too many adults being in the school grounds and hopefully ease congestion on the road.

When in the playgrounds, please try to keep 2 metre distance between adults and when collecting please keep the entrance/exit clear by moving further over into the playground so others may pass safely.

We aim to send the children to you and ask that you do not come close to the classrooms and teachers for your and our safety.

I know that things will seem strange and it may be slower to start with but the important thing is to keep all of us safe from this horrible virus.

Tuck

As a little welcome back to the children, tuck was free on Thursday and Friday, but from next week it is back to paying!

If you would like your child to have a slice of toast and a fruit drink it will cost **75p per day, £3.75 for the week.**

It would be really helpful if payment could be made on Monday for the week with envelopes labelled with your child's name, class and amount enclosed. This should be given to the classteacher by your child.

ParentPay

Please could parents activate their accounts on ParentPay. This is the system that is now being used to pay for your child's school meals and trips. You will already have received a letter detailing your username and password. If you require these details again then please contact the school office.

Please could you inform the school office if your child's lunchtime arrangements change, ie school meals to packed lunches, as this will avoid being charged for a school meal unnecessarily.

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Mrs Begum and family, on the sad loss of her mother.

We also pray for all those families who have been affected by Covid-19.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

R Baker and staff

