



# The Apple



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## Dear Parents/Carer

Welcome back- and a particularly warm welcome to our new pupils! I can't believe how quickly the summer has gone by and that we are at the start of yet another school year. I am delighted to be starting here as your new Headteacher and feel privileged to have the opportunity to lead such a wonderful school! I have already been made to feel so welcome by the school community and it was great to see all of the smiling faces as the children came into school this morning.

Speaking of mornings, I'd just like to thank you all for being so patient and understanding with the drop off and pick up arrangements whilst our Key Stage One playground is being completed. The reason for me sending this newsletter out today, rather than on alternate Fridays, is so that I can clarify the arrangements and any adjustments we've made following your feedback (please see the section below for further details).

I'm looking forward to getting to know you all better over the coming months. I will be out on the playground or by the entrance most mornings, so please feel free to come up and talk to me, even if it's just to introduce yourself.

**Chris Heathcote**  
**Headteacher**

## Labelling School Uniform

At the start of the school year many pupils have new uniform and P.E. kit. It is essential that all school clothing is labelled with the pupil's full name. It becomes almost impossible to track down lost clothing if a name label is not present.

## Breakfast Club

If you require a place in Breakfast Club then please remember to book in at the school office. This means that we can be prepared for the pupils who will be attending. In an emergency it is always worth phoning to check if there is a place left prior to arriving so that you will not be disappointed if you turn up and we are full.

## Drop Off and Pick Up

It is likely that the Key Stage One playground will not be completed until the end of next week. We have therefore had to make some changes to the way in which children enter in the morning and leave in the afternoon.

**There is no access to the Key Stage One playground by the front entrance.**

Until further notice, all Key Stage Two children will meet on the Key Stage Two playground and be collected by their class teachers.

Reception and Year One children will go in through their normal doors.

The children in Year Two will meet in what is left of the Key Stage One playground and they will be collected by their class teacher and taken into school.

Please collect your children from their classroom doors as usual, apart from classes 5, 6 and 7, who will be led by their class teacher into the Key Stage One playground to be collected.

To ensure that entering and leaving the school runs as smoothly as possible, we would kindly ask parents to leave the playground areas as promptly as possible to ease any congestion.

To help parents who have children in both Key Stages One and Two, we will now open up the gate by the decking area outside of Year 1 and the wooden gate into the Key Stage Two playground. This will allow access through the Reception outside area and mean that parents do not have to leave the school site and go all the way around.

**Thank you for your patience with this matter.**

### The Sunshine Room

Can we please remind parents that 'The Sunshine Room' is there for emergencies only and children should be there for no longer than 10-15 minutes. Beyond this, alternative arrangements should be made by parents. We kindly ask that if your child is unable to be collected on time that you notify the school office as soon as possible.

### Free School Meals Applications

If you think that your child may be entitled to receive free school meals, then you are now required to apply for this online through Lincolnshire County Council. The link is:

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>

If you would like a guide to completing this process, please collect this from the school reception.

### Attendance

As a school we are desperate to ensure that all pupils fulfil their potential. The attendance of pupils forms a hugely important part of their ability to do well at school and as such will remain a major focus in the coming year. Mrs Pask is in charge of attendance at the school and will be in touch with Parents/Carers should we have any concerns. If your child is absent due to a medical or dental appointment, then we ask that you provide the office with evidence of this for our records. The table below shows how much learning time can be missed if children have time off school. It would be great if they all got off to a great start this year. We aspire for all children to achieve a 95% attendance rate each year.

### Inhalers

As a school we take the administration of medicines extremely seriously. All children who need to bring inhalers to school should also bring the box for the inhaler with them. This will have the sticker from the surgery on the side and ensures that we have all of the information that we need should there be an emergency. You will also need to check that the inhaler is "in date". If your child needs an inhaler and you have not let us know then please inform us immediately.

### Dates For Your Diary:

13th & 14th September	Year 4 Stibbington Visit and Residential
17th September	Yr 3 Beaumanor Visit
19th September	Yr 5 Southwell Workhouse Visit
20th September	Yr 6 Southwell Workhouse Visit
24th-26th September	Yr 6 PGL residential
10th October	Family Bingo
15th October	School Photographs
19th October	Last Day at School
29th October	Children Return to School
31st October	School Discos



Percentage Attendance	Days off per year	School Time Missed By Year 6
100%	0	0
95%	9½	$\frac{1}{3}$ of a school year
90%	19	$\frac{2}{3}$ of a school year
85%	28½	1 whole school year
80%	38	One and $\frac{1}{3}$ school years
75%	47½	1 and $\frac{2}{3}$ school years