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Dear Parent/Carer

WELCOME TO THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

At the end of this welcome break, I am writing to reassure you that we are very much looking forward to seeing you all again from Monday 06 September. Starting dates for Reception have been circulated and dates for Nursery will be shared shortly. The last two years have presented so many challenges and your support and co-operation have been invaluable. Now we are ready to work towards a more normal pattern of school activities. However, we all still need to be careful and continue with some of the precautions which we have put in place over recent months.

As I mentioned in my last letter, the school gate will open at 08:45 and all children are expected to be ready in class by 09:00 at the latest. We have altered lunchtimes slightly so that dismissal at the end of the day can be staggered from 15:15 onwards. Dismissal/collection times are as follows:

- Reception 15:15
- Y1 and Y2 15:20
- Y3 and Y4 15:25
- Y5 and Y6 15:30

Children will line up in the driveway as before and will be sent up to you at the gate. Older children will be sent to line up with brothers/sisters/cousins in younger classes.

PLEASE WEAR A FACE COVERING BUT DO NOT COME ONTO THE SCHOOL SITE.

We aim to work as follows without "bubble" restrictions:

- hold assemblies/attend Mass as was our previous custom
- arrange playtimes and lunchtimes in phases rather than single classes
- resume PE lessons within the previous timetable - no longer Wednesday for everyone so **every day will be a uniform day!**
- all children will need to keep a drawstring PE bag in the cloakroom - bag and all items to be named, please
- new home reading books have been purchased and these will be gradually sent home when they have been stamped and registered - please continue to use Oxford Owl for the time

being: we have paid an additional fee so the range of books in Oxford Owl will be extended

- some homework tasks may be sent home but most activities will remain on Education City and My Maths - please check the **revised Homework Policy** which will soon be updated on our website
- only blue school Reading Bags should be used - please do not send backpacks; bags can be purchased for £6.50 - please send the correct money in a sealed envelope with your child rather than call at the school office
- **DINNER MONEY MUST BE SENT IN CASH EACH MONDAY WITH YOUR CHILD IN A SEALED/NAMED ENVELOPE**

MEDICAL INFORMATION

We shall be sending home a **new Medical Form** to ensure that we have all the current and relevant information for your child. The form needs to be completed even if we have previously had information from you. Please complete fully, sign, date and return the form, even if there is nothing to record.

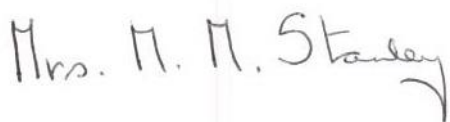
FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We now use an internet-based system to check and record eligibility for Free School Meals. If your child already receives Free School Meals, you may still be asked to complete a new form so that your details can be recorded on the new system. If you have completed such a form very recently, you will not be asked to complete another.

As always, if you have any concerns, please let us know and we shall do what we can to help. We do ask that you avoid calling at the school office in person if possible. This is to help us preserve the health and safety of our staff.

We wish you a happy few days of the rest of the holiday and look forward to welcoming you and the children from 06 September.

Best wishes



Mrs MM Stanley
Headteacher



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