

August 20, 2021



It is very exciting to be welcoming everyone back for another year. Hopefully this year we will begin to see school life returning to a more 'normal' format. On their return the pupils will notice a few changes, but not too many. While we are being asked to keep 'consistent groups of children' (ie bubbles) when indoors we are now allowed to let the children mix outside. It will be lovely for them to be able to play with their friends from other classes. On the first morning when they arrive they will be directed to the front playground where they will be supervised by their classroom assistant until the bell rings for school to start. Children attending breakfast club will be sent to the playground at 8.45am to meet their classmates.

Children should come to school in their formal uniform on the first day. Each teacher will let you know, via Seesaw, when their class should wear their PE uniform. Please remember to name everything (including shoes and ties) no-one wants to lose items of uniform this close to the start of the new year!

Drop Off and Departure Routines

This is just a reminder of the routines that we previously agreed would begin at the start of the new term.

Morning

There is a window of 15 minutes from 8.45 to 9am for pupils to be dropped off. I would ask that you leave your children quickly and then vacate the parking space immediately. I know that it can be tempting to stop for a chat, especially at the start of term when you haven't seen people all summer, but our parking is very limited and we want to avoid any cars having to sit on the side of the road as this puts the pupils at risk.

Afternoon

Family / Surname	Pick Up	
	Mon – Thurs	Friday
P1, P2 and their siblings	2.40pm	1.40pm
A - G	2.50pm	1.50pm
H - Z	3.00pm	2.00pm

Although the P1 pupils are leaving at 12 noon in September it is important that their siblings are collected at 2.40pm to keep the numbers of cars arriving manageable.

Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

If you feel that you may be eligible for an EA Uniform Grant and/or entitlement to Free School Meals, information and application forms are available on the EA website.

Even if you feel that your child may not want school dinners it is worthwhile to help with the cost of school uniform and school shoes.

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School Dinners

The school dinner service will commence on Wednesday 1st September.

The price of the meals remains **£2.60** per day.

All meals should be purchased, from Monday, through Eduspot, the School Money App. If you are unable to access the system please speak to me as, this year, we aim to receive no cash in school. I will send everyone a reminder message, if you follow the link in the message you should be able to access your account.



We are delighted to be able to resume our breakfast club. Places can be booked online, from Monday, through Eduspot in the same way that you book dinners. I would ask that places are booked at least 48 hours in advance to allow appropriate amounts of food to be purchased. Mr Roy will be welcoming children from 8am until 8.45am although breakfast will not be available for children arriving after 8.20am.

Breakfast Club will cost £2.00 per morning.



Wraparound Care will be available for all children from P2-P7 from 1st September. It is being run by a company called 'Ruby Roos' and the booking system will open on Monday. P1 pupils will be welcome to join once they begin staying until 2.40pm.

A manager, Miss Gorman, has been appointed to run it and she will be supported by Mr Roy. The team have an exciting range of activities for the children to do as well as setting aside time for them to complete their homework if you wish.

I will forward more information and booking details to you on Monday.