

Dear Parent and Carers,

5th September 2021



Opening Doors, Enriching Lives

Three days in and we are starting to get the new routines embedded. The children have settled really well and adapted to the changes.

Thank you for following the new route into school. The yard is busier, but the plan seems to be working well. If possible, only one adult should come on to the yard for pick up to help reduce the number of adults on site at one time. Thank you for this.

Children have a ten minute window to get into school – 8:40 until 8:50. If they arrive after this the entrance gate will be locked, meaning they are late, and access then is via the office at the Main Entrance. Please ensure you are on the school grounds before the entrance gate is locked.

Extended Day for Catch Up

Our extended day will begin this coming Wednesday, 8th September.

This means that school will finish an hour later every Wednesday until further notice.

4:05 Pre-School, Reception and Y1
4:10 Y2
4:15 Upper School (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6)



PE Kits

As stated in our 'Back to School' letter, on PE days we are asking the children to come to school dressed in clothing for the PE lesson, rather than their school uniform. PE days are as follows:

Reception	Tuesday
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Wednesday
3D – Mrs Davis	Wednesday
3Mac – Mr MacDonald	Friday
Year 4	Monday
5M – Mrs Morning	Tuesday from January as swimming this term
56T and 6P – Mr Temple and Mr Patterson	Thursday



Please dress your children appropriately. School PE kits preferably but if not, then please choose plain clothing and plain T-shirts – no football tops etc. Leggings or tracksuit trousers will be necessary in the cooler months.



Swimming

Swimming is resuming this term. We are going to try to catch up on lost time. The plan is that Y5 will swim this term on a Monday afternoon. Parents of children in Y5 will receive a letter next week regarding this.

Wellingtons

We are going to have a sort out of wellingtons next week. The children are going to be asked to find theirs on the shelves and then any that are left over will either be discarded or kept for spares.





Water Bottles

The school fountains are still switched off for the moment. It's therefore continues to be important that you send your child in with a full water bottle every day.

Office Hours

During holiday times there is no-one in the school office, which means emails and telephone calls are not monitored. Consequently, there may be a delay in you receiving a response to your enquiry at the start of term. Please be patient as we will be working through these. Thank you.



Child Minding

Finally, as well as offering our own after school childcare we are happy to signpost parents to other provision. Kirstie Hall has asked us to share the following regarding her Child-Minding business:

Child-minder based in Tanfield Lea

- 25 years of experience
- Following the early years foundation
- Babies from Birth to 3 years (diary of child's activity kept)
- £3.55 per hour
- Can do school holiday days
- Ofsted Registered: 313632
- Will accept free childcare vouchers from 2 years old upwards
- First Aid trained

For more information contact Kirstie Hall 07512367997

Many thanks.
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