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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back – I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to getting back into the school routine.

The summer holiday seemed to fly by and here we are back in school and raring to go! It was so good to see the children coming into school with smiles on their faces this morning, and they were so keen to get into their new classrooms.

As we begin the school year I would like to remind you of some general organisational arrangements along with some diary dates.

Absence

It is extremely important that your child attends school every day. If your child is unwell and unable to come in to school, please let us know as soon as possible.

If you intend to take your child out of school for any reason, please complete a leave of absence form. I must remind you that no holidays will be authorised and you may incur a penalty.

Punctuality

At this school, we strive to promote life skills and believe that punctuality is an essential life skill for a successful future. Our doors open at 8.50am to enable the children to come into school and get settled, ready for the register to be completed at 9am. If your child arrives after this time you will need to bring them to the school office and sign the late book.

School Meals

Please remember it is your responsibility to order your child's school meals from Dolce in advance. It is very upsetting for a child if they arrive at the counter to find a meal has not been ordered for them.

Also, if your child no longer requires the meal, as they are not in school or will be having a packed lunch, please make sure you cancel it, to avoid meals being wasted.

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School uniform

Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct school uniform, as detailed on our website; please see the 'parents' tab and 'uniform'. On PE days, your child should wear their PE uniform, also detailed on our website. Please label everything with your child's name as we cannot be held responsible for any items lost.

Autumn Term PE Days (from w/c 5th September)

- Year 2 – Monday and Wednesday
- Year 1 – Thursday and Friday
- Reception – Tuesday

No earrings or other jewellery are permitted at any time.

Book bags

Please do not send your child into school with huge rucksacks as we do not have the space to store them. Book bags should measure approximately 37cm x 30cm and contain only their school books. Book bags with the school logo can be ordered from Penn Sports although a plain navy one is fine.

Water bottles

As there were so many breakages and spillages last year, the decision has been made to provide every child with a school water bottle. The children have been given their new water bottle today; please remember to fill the bottle with clear water and send it in to school with your child every day. Cups and drinking water are available in every class, should your child forget to bring their bottle in to school with them. No other bottles are allowed in school.

Breaktime snacks

Although fresh fruit is delivered to the school each week, you can send in your own fruit or veg snack if you would prefer – please remember to cut grapes in half as they are a choking hazard.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 13 th September	Year 1 trip to Wat Tyler Park. Re-scheduled from Summer Term
Wednesday 14 th September	2.30pm Year 2 Parent induction meeting
Tuesday 20 th September	2.30pm Year 1 Parent induction meeting
Wednesday 21 st September	2.30pm Reception Parent induction meeting

Wrap around Care

I am delighted to inform you that Multi-Active before and after school clubs are now up and running on the school site. To find out more and book a place for your child visit www.multi-active.co.uk. The Cave is located in the end demountable building next to Hawkesbury Pre-School if you would like to take a look.

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Communication

Positive parent partnerships are very important to us and we value the contribution you make to your child's education. I would just like to remind you that any concerns or questions you may have regarding your child should be directed to your child's class teacher. The class teachers know their children extremely well and will be able to address any issues with their professional expertise.

Class teachers are available on the playground until 3.30pm every day, should you wish to speak with them. If you do not collect your child from school, please either telephone the school office and ask for the class teacher to contact you or email the class teacher via the school email address. Please note, class email addresses are no longer in use.

For safeguarding purposes, it is very important you let us know who has your permission to collect your child from school, as we will only let your child go if the person collecting them is on our list.

Please make sure you check your emails, the school website and our Facebook page regularly so you do not miss important information. Should you change your contact details, remember to let the School Office know.

And finally, ...

I look forward to working with you and your child this year and hope our positive partnership continues. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via the School Office.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington
Headteacher

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