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Dear Parents and Carers

I trust you are all well and have had a wonderful summer break, despite the unpredictable weather.

It is wonderful to see the new Year 1 and Year 2 children back in school looking so smart and, I am pleased to say, they are all settled in their classrooms and the busy buzz of excited children once again fills the air.

Our new Reception children will begin their transition into school this week and we are very much looking forward to welcoming them. The Nursery is now ready and will be open for drop-in sessions for the new children next week. I am delighted to welcome three new members of staff to the Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery team: Miss Kim Richings, Mrs Louise Parker and Miss Eleanor Davies are very excited to be part of our team and cannot wait to see the Nursery full of children.

As all Covid restrictions are now lifted, I am delighted to say that we will be operating as a whole school and not in bubbles. However, as we are all well aware, situations can change at short notice and, should this be the case, I will let you know.

This morning's drop-off went well but it did get a bit congested near the blue doors. To make it easier for the children to make their way to the side gate, please wait behind the maze on the playground floor and they will be able to see the teachers waiting for them.

Just to remind you that the children will be directed round the back of the school to their classrooms at **8.50am** and the gate will be locked at **9.00am**. Please do try to arrive on time so the children can go into school with their friends as, once the gate is locked, they will need to be signed in at the Office. Walking into a classroom whilst the register is underway is not only unsettling for the child but disruptive to the class as well.

At the end of the day at **3.15pm**, Class 3 and 4 will exit via the white door adjacent to the library. Classes 1 and 2 will come through the side gate and meet you in the playground next to the Nursery. Please remember to stand back so the teachers can see who is there to collect the children and check they are on the going home list. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please wait until they have dismissed all the other children.

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## Welcome meetings

You will be invited to attend a meeting where you will be informed of the expectations for your child's new year group. Please do try and attend so you are familiar with how your child's new year group works and what you can do to support them, particularly as they missed so much time in school due to the pandemic. **Year 1 will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September and Year 2 will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September.** The meeting will start at **2.30pm** and will be held in your child's classroom. Please wait in the playground to be collected. Thank you.

## PE

Just to remind you that on your child's PE days they will need to come into school wearing their PE uniform. PE uniform is a **plain white t-shirt, navy shorts or joggers and black trainers.** No crop tops, please. The usual navy school jumper or cardigan can be worn too, if you wish. PE t-shirts can be purchased from Penn Sports.

**Year 1** PE days are Thursday and Friday.

**Year 2** PE days are Monday and Tuesday.

## Water Bottles

Drinking water is available in the classrooms but, if your child would like to bring their own water bottle to school, they must have a **sport cap** and contain **clear water** only. Water bottles are available from the school office at a cost of £1.20.

## Health and Safety

Please remember that **no jewellery**, including earrings and watches, are allowed to be worn in school. Children participate in physical activity every day and we do not want any injuries to occur at any time. Newly pierced ears will need to be covered with sticking plaster before coming into school and your child will not be able to participate in any physical activity until the earrings are removed.

If your child has long hair, please tie it back so it does not get in the way of their learning activities. Should your child wish to wear a head band or bow, please try to keep them small.

## Lunchtime

Please remember to order your child's school meal from Dolce before 9.00am. New menus are now online.

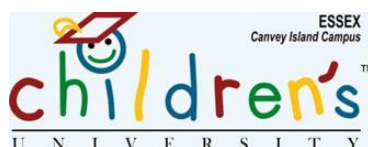
## Parking

Please remember that this school is located in a residential area so please make sure that you park considerately and safely. We do receive lots of complaints from neighbours regarding some parents parking illegally and, in some cases, extremely dangerously.

## Gardening

If you are available for an hour or two to give the pots, planters and Swann Garden a tidy up we will be very grateful. Please phone or email the school office to say when you are available and I will get the trowels out!

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## Website & School Facebook page

Please remember to check these regularly for information from outside agencies that may be of use to you. Please also check your emails, as all communication is sent electronically.

## Contact Details

If your contact details have changed, please make sure you let Mrs Kiln know in case we need to contact you in an emergency.

Please also inform Mrs Kiln if your child's collection information needs updating, as we will only release your child to a person on their going home list.

...and finally, should you require any information or have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

I look forward to working with you again and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Dorrington  
Headteacher

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