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Good evening Parents / Carers,

Return to school – Year 1 and 2

I hope and trust that you have had a fantastic summer and that memories have been made and time spent having fun and relaxing. It is so nearly time to welcome you all back so, I thought a few reminders might be helpful.

Timings

You will remember from our end of year newsletter that we have gone back to our old timings and tomorrow morning Year 1 and 2 pupils should arrive at school ready for the doors opening at 8.40am. Children can be collected from their class at 3.00pm.

Year 2 pupils should access school via the shared driveway joining the Infant and Junior School and walk around the back of the school to The Lodge. Those in Mrs Lissaman and Mrs Dickens class should also use this driveway, then enter through the gate, and wait outside the classroom doors.

Year 1 pupils should access school via the main path – walking by the scooter / bike racks. Please then wait outside your child's classroom doors.

Staff will be outside tomorrow morning to welcome and guide you if you are unsure where to go.

Please be aware that the classroom doors will open at 8.40am and will close again at 8.50am to allow dinners to be ordered and registers to be taken. If you arrive after this time, you will need to report to the main office. Punctuality is very important to the school day and although we understand lateness on occasion cannot be helped this should not be a common occurrence.

Congestion and parking

The beginning and end of the day are very busy with pupils going to both schools and we know that historically we have had some issues with parking and safety. We please ask that where possible, you park a little further away from school and walk the final part. Please do not park on the pavements around school – our pupils and their families need to use these to move safely to school.

Attendance

In the Trust letter sent at the end of the year there was reference to a new attendance policy that will be coming into force. The information provided was as follows:

The government is placing very stringent expectations on schools and Trusts from September and there will be almost zero wriggle room for any absence during term-time,



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including any holidays. We will be expected to process fines and prosecutions very rapidly with very little room for mitigations or exceptions.

We are aware that there can be multiple reasons for absence including of course Covid. Children of this age will get poorly therefore please make sure you let the school office know if your children get poorly and keep us updated on how they are doing. However, if children are persistently absent then we will need to take further actions that may include letters, phone calls, meetings and ultimately legal advice and fines.

Safeguarding

We take the safety of our pupils very seriously and within school we have staff specifically trained to deal with such issues:

Mrs Claire Elliott – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Heather Creighton – Safeguarding Deputy

If you have a concern about your child, another child or anyone else – please speak to someone. Safeguarding is everyone's business – we can all play a part in keeping our children safe.

Catering

As previously shared, we have a new catering company in charge of school meals and therefore a new menu. Please make sure you have discussed this with your child so they are aware of the choices.

I very much look forward to seeing you all tomorrow morning ready for a fantastic Autumn Term.

See you then

Mrs Elliott
Head teacher