

Tuesday 11th October 2022

Parent Task

Force Questions



Can the children be dropped off and collected from the main playground?

Having the different entry and exit points for each year group is working very well. It ensures every child's safety in so many ways.

Can the school gates be closed at 9am?

The gates will close at 8.45am promptly. Punctuality is a key life skill. Children need to start their learning promptly because each minute makes a difference to a child's progress.

What's the length of our school day and what's it changing to?

Currently it is 31.75 hours but from Autumn B it will increase to 32.5 hours.

Parents/carers and staff have been consulted. The preferred option is 3.30pm finish on Mondays to Thursdays.

Is there anything school can do to help with dropping off and collecting siblings?

We have support in place; please see Mr Andy for more information and guidance on this.

Diary Dates

13/10/2022 Free breakfast club for all pupils

20/10/2022 Free breakfast club for all pupils

What will parent consultation look like this year?

The plan for parental consultation going forwards includes holding regular "Come and Celebrate!" events where parents/carers are invited into school to see the classrooms and share their child's books together. Class teachers and TLS will be available to discuss the learning. If a more detailed or sensitive conversation is required, class teachers can make an appointment for a telephone conversation with parents/carers.

How will school communicate with parents/carers?

Class Dojo is our main method of communication. Parents/carers feel Class Dojo is more convenient, accessible and allows for direct communication with teachers.

Are school meals the same this year?

The catering arrangements for this academic year have changed. Thomas Frank is the new provider of our school meals. All food is cooked from fresh ingredients and menus are posted on the school website. We intend to plan parent/carer taster sessions with Thomas Franks. Parents report children prefer the school meals this year

Will parents/carers be invited into school for prize giving, a nativity, sing-alongs, etc.?

This will be kept under review and guided by national health data.

Free Breakfast club on:

13.10.2022 & 20.10.2022

For all pupils. Starts at 8.20am



Diary Dates

21/10/2022 Term ends for pupils

31/10/2022 Term starts for pupils

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New School Finish



Time



From the 31st October school will now finish at 3.30pm Monday – Thursday and Fridays will remain the same with a 1.45pm finish.

School starts at 8.40am prompt

School finishes at 3.30pm

Fridays are 8.40am – 1.45pm



Free School Meal



Vouchers

All eligible parents will receive a link via text message or email to access a £15 food voucher to spend at either Asda or Aldi on 14th October 2022.

Please ensure you follow the link and instructions to redeem your voucher. **Any queries need to be placed by 20.10.2022.**

Any queries after this date will be dealt with by the school office on 31st October 2022.

Attendance Reminders

- All children should attend school every day and on time.
- If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please ensure you contact the school office before 9am to inform us with full illness details. This can be done face to face, over the phone or you can leave an answerphone message. Please contact the school office and not your child's class teacher in regards to absences.
- We do not authorise minor illnesses such as, coughs, colds, runny noses. You will be advised to give your child medicine and bring them into school.
- If a child has a high temperature which is 37.8 degrees or higher and no other symptoms you will be advised to give them appropriate medicine to reduce the temperature and bring them into school.
- If a child has stomach ache and no other symptoms you will be advised to give appropriate medication and bring them into school.
- You must provide proof for all medical and dental appointments for the absence to authorised, for example, an appointment card/letter/prescribed medication. Appointments, where possible, should be booked outside of school hours.
- If a medical or dental appointment is after 9.30am you will need ensure your child attends school before the appointment depending on the circumstance and location,
- Children should always return to school after any medical/dental appointments if they are before 2.30pm,
- Appointments for passport renewals and biometrics will not be authorised. These need to be made for evenings, weekends or in the school holidays.
- If we do not receive a reason for your child's absence then this will automatically be recorded as unauthorised.
- Holidays are NOT permitted during term time.
- The Local Authority class children as a persistent absentee if their attendance is 90% or less. Under the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003, an authorised officer of the City Council has the power to issue each parent/carer with a Penalty Notice for each of their children who fails to attend school regularly.

If you are unsure of anything or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 0161 224 7079 we are always here to offer help, advice and support to parents and carers.

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