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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we get near the end of this school year, I wanted to write and share some information ready for when we return in September. Some children will be starting a new Key Stage which will mean a change to some of the arrangements.

Children moving from Reception to Year 1

As the children join Year 1 we encourage them to become more independent and this continues as they go through the school. They will be expected to come into school on their own, saying goodbye at the door as they have done in Reception, and then make their way to their cloakrooms and classrooms. A Teaching Assistant will be at the door each morning to speak to if you need to pass a message to the class teacher. At the end of the day they will be dismissed by their teacher and handed over to an adult who has permission to collect them. Older siblings from school or those under 18 are not allowed to collect unless prior permission has been granted by the Headteacher in exceptional circumstances.

In Key Stage 1 the children will still receive a free snack at morning break and are entitled to a free school meal each day.

Children moving from Year 2 to Year 3

Children in Year 3 are left at the outside doors and make their own way into their classrooms. They are not automatically eligible for a free school meal in KS2 so if the children have these they must be paid for online through our payments system. If you are on certain benefits then you may be eligible for free school meals. You can apply online at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals>

Most children require a snack at morning break to keep them going through the day and children in Key Stage 2 are encouraged to bring in healthy snacks to keep them alert and to help them concentrate. We are aiming for a common-sense approach, with the key being to keep it healthy which means no crisps, sweets, biscuits or chocolate.

Any snack must be nut free as we have a number of children in school with nut allergies. Please avoid sending nuts into school as a snack in their packed lunches.

Please limit children to the list below.

- Vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot, a range of colour ensures different vitamins and minerals.
- A piece of cheddar cheese
- A piece of fresh or dried fruit, high in soluble fibre and vitamins would also be a great snack– pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.
- Bread sticks, plain pretzels, oat/rice cakes are good snacks, providing children with carbohydrate to sustain them in-between meals.
- Homemade snack - oat/whole grain based snack.

We need the children to stay hydrated so please ensure they bring a named water bottle into school daily. Squash and fruit juice are not permitted.

Learning

Enjoying

Achieving

School Times from 1st September 2024

Please remember that these are changing next term and details are provided further on.

At the end of the day the children are brought onto the KS2 playground by their teacher and dismissed. Year 3 are released by the teacher when they can identify the person picking them up in the playground but they are not handed over in the same way as in KS1. Children in Year 3 and Year 4 should be collected by a trusted person unless they go to the Brampton Kids Club or are attending an after-school club. Children in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to leave school independently, including leaving the school to meet parents on The Green, but this is parental choice unless there are safeguarding concerns.

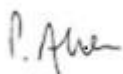
Change of course is, and will always be, a normal part of life and our role is to enable children to build resilience.

Some helpful tips for helping your to move on: (adapted from various sources)

- ✓ *Start talking to your child about the fact that they will be moving to a new class or school now if you haven't already.*
- ✓ *Keep the conversation casual and focused on the positives.*
- ✓ *Talk about change as a positive, exciting opportunity.*
- ✓ *Avoid expressing your own doubts, negative thoughts or anxieties to your child.*
- ✓ *Remember that if we try to provide too much certainty and comfort, we are getting in the way of children being able to develop their own problem-solving skills. Overprotecting children from difficult or uncomfortable situations only fuels their anxiety.*
- ✓ *If children tell you they are anxious/worried, normalise their feelings. Talk about how you sometimes feel this way too and that it's ok to feel this way. Help your child to develop resilience by talking through strategies to manage their worries. Help them to challenge negative thinking. For example, you might remind them of how they made new friends last year or talk through how to ask someone to play etc.*
- ✓ *Remind them that feelings come and go. We can't stop them coming but we can choose how we look at them.*
- ✓ *Give your child opportunities to share their feelings about their new class/school by drawing pictures or writing messages to a family member or to a favourite toy.*
- ✓ *Prepare your child (and yourself) for the routines for getting to school and back home: tell them what the plan is clearly, including childcare arrangements.*

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Peter Allen
Headteacher

<i>Reception</i>	<i>Doors open 8.45am Doors close at 8.55am and registration starts School day finishes at 3.05pm</i>
<i>KS1</i>	<i>Doors open at 8.40am and registration starts Doors close and registration finishes at 8.55am School day finishes at 3.10pm</i>
<i>Y3/Y4</i>	<i>Doors open at 8.45am and registration starts Doors close and registration finishes at 9.00am School day finishes at 3.15pm</i>
<i>Y5/Y6</i>	<i>Doors open at 8.50am and registration starts Doors close and registration finishes at 9.05am School day finishes at 3.20pm</i>

Uniform

We are a 'school uniform' school and expect all children to come to school dressed appropriately.

Children should not wear any make up or accessories, including jewellery (bracelets, necklaces). They may wear watches and stud earrings only and they will be asked to remove anything unsuitable. If they continue to wear these items then parents will be asked to come and collect the items.

So that you can prepare for next term here are reminders about school uniform expectations:

- Sweatshirts – navy (with or without school logo)
- Polo shirts – white or navy
- Trousers / shorts - grey, black or navy (trousers may be worn by boys and girls)
- Skirts / pinafores - grey, black or navy
- Socks / tights - white, grey, navy or black
- Summer Dress - navy and white checked, or striped, summer dresses
- Footwear should be sensible - black, flat shoes (high heels, boots or boot style trainers are not permitted)

PE kits:

- White/blue round-necked T-shirt (football tops must not be worn). Ideally, these should be plain with no logos.
- Blue/black shorts that are appropriate for PE.
- For outdoors school sweatshirts (no hoodies) and dark blue/black jogging trousers should be worn. Ideally, these should be plain with no logos.
- Pierced earrings must be removed for PE and long hair must be tied back for PE and games

