



Dear Parents / Guardians,

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Welcome back! We hope you have had a relaxing and well rested summer. It is with great pride when we say it has been a wonderful start to the academic year. The pupils, as always, have been an absolute credit to yourselves. They have shown themselves to be polite, respectful and are working hard.

Many thanks to you all for your continued support in helping to ensure a smooth transition back to school for all our pupils. Procedures for entering and exiting school have been working effectively. A huge welcome to our new Reception and Nursery children and their parents. The children have settled into school well and are familiarising themselves with routines and expectations.

We also extend a warm welcome and congratulations to our new members of staff, Miss Maltby and Miss Watson. We all look forward to working with you.

Mrs Rovardi is now on maternity leave. Best wishes to you and your family....we look forward to hearing good news very soon!

**Gentle Reminders:**

Older pupils who bring their mobile phones into school (to allow them to be used when walking home at the end of the school day), will need permission from their parents/guardians (a separate letter will be sent to these pupils) and the mobiles will be stored securely in the admin office during the school day.

Please be aware school gates are open from 8.30am for Reception, KS1 and KS2 pupils to allow your child to enter into school. Gates will be closed and locked at **8.50am**. This ensures your child is in class promptly; ready to begin the first lesson and ensures safeguarding is first and foremost with gates securely locked. School finishes at **3.10pm**.

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**LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR ANNUAL HOLIDAY The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006**

Amendments to the 2006 Regulations remove references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. The amendments make clear that Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Headteachers should determine the number of days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

**Please do not book your holiday during term time or until you have requested authorisation. NPCAT attendance team is monitoring all attendance and punctuality issues alongside school.**

**School uniform:**

The children look so smart in their uniform. Thank you for your support with this. It ensures that standards remain high and pupils, as always, reflect these standards. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school. Just a reminder that the wearing of jewellery by pupils is not permitted due to health and safety reasons, this is school and NPCAT policy. Full school uniform is outlined below and our policy is displayed on our website:

<p align="center"><b>Foundation Stage - Nursery and Reception:</b></p> <p>A navy-blue sweatshirt or cardigan and a pale blue polo shirt.</p>	<p align="center"><b>In Reception class,</b></p> <p>Pupils should wear grey shorts or trousers, or skirts and pinafores.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Key Stage 1 and 2</b></p> <p>Blue shirt, school tie, navy V-neck jumper or cardigan, grey trousers or shorts, grey skirt or pinafore.</p>	<p>During the <b>summer term</b> blue check gingham dresses.</p> <p>Blue polo shirts may be worn.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Footwear - Black school shoes.</b></p> <p align="center">Grey socks/tights</p>	

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<b>P.E. Uniform.</b>	
<b>PE</b> White T-shirt, navy shorts and black plimsolls/trainers	<b>Outdoor PE</b> White T-shirt, navy blue jogging/tracksuit bottoms Navy blue sweatshirt/jumper (no logo needed), Black Trainers

**Parking:**

With regards to parking, please remember not to park in the **curial office**. The car park can become quite full and poses a health and safety concern. This is also a private car park and should not be used as a dropping off point or a pedestrian walkway. Pedestrian access is **not allowed** through the church car park area or **through our own school car park**.

Parents and children wanting to access the Key Stage 2 playground via the Church can only do so by coming through the Holy Name of Mary gateway and walking along the pathway next to the Church into the playground. The health and safety of all concerned is paramount at all times.

Please may I remind you that the driveway (on Eastbourne Road) near the new classrooms leading to the church is an emergency exit for our pupils. Many parents have been parking there and blocking the entrance; at times the cars have been edging out onto the road and in doing so children and parents have been having to walk around the cars onto the road and this is dangerous. Thank you for your support with this.

**General notices:**

Year group curriculum newsletters will be shared with you Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September and available on our website. We look forward to sharing work with you that happens throughout the year on our school website, Twitter and Facebook page.

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Senior leaders are in the process of organising dates for events this academic year. Again, this will be shared with you so you can plan the academic year ahead. More details later.

Information and notifications will be shared with you through various systems- text, email and Facebook. Any letters will be uploaded into the parents' section of the website. At times you will receive a paper copy of information.

Mrs Grainger will send out dates for diaries each week to support the week ahead.

**Please ensure the updated contact link, in the parent email sent week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> September, is completed as soon as possible please, to enable the office staff to update any change in personal details. Please provide two emergency contacts for your child.**

Please keep all members of our school community in your hearts and prayers- those who are suffering from illness, bereavement or sadness in their lives at present.

In closing, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support as we journey through this academic year. I truly believe that by working together we will make a difference- together we will ensure a very successful year for our children.

A hard copy of this letter is available- please inform the office if you would like a hard copy of any letter sent out.

Any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school

Have a lovely weekend and take care.

Best wishes,

**Mrs M Brown**  
**Executive Headteacher**

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