



Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming children from years 1 to 6 back to school on **Thursday 2nd September**. Children joining nursery and reception have received individual start dates.

With the lifting of COVID restrictions we are able to resume normal school hours. After a difficult 18 months, it is great to begin to get things back to normal.

Please read through the following information which contains some changes from last year.

Getting to school

The accident at the end of the term has brought home the importance of minimising the number of cars on the roads around the school. We strongly urge all families to walk to school so that the chances of another serious accident are minimised. We are continuing to work with the council to create alternative options for families that have to drive because of their distance from school.

Many of our children scoot or cycle to school and year 6 children are allowed to walk to and from school independently. Our social responsibility is to keep the roads and pavements clear so that children and families are safe.

Entering the site

We are trialling a **one way system** for entering and exiting the site. Entrance will be through the electric gates near the main office and down the ramp for all children (except those attending Aktiva Breakfast Club. Drop off arrangements for children attending breakfast club remain the same as last year).

If you wish to drop your child off at the top of the ramp, please leave through the middle gate next to the bikeshed. Children should be escorted through the main gate to the top of the ramp.

You are welcome to accompany your child onto the playground and should then **exit via the slope**. No adults should need to walk back up the ramp to exit the site.

Scooters and Bikes

Scooters and bikes can be left in the bike sheds next to the middle gate (at the owner's risk). Parents can collect them at the end of the day and take them down when they collect their children. Please ensure that scooters and bikes are not used on the playground.

Timings

Morning drop off

From September, children from reception to year 6 should arrive at school between 8.40am and 9am. Classroom doors will open at 8.50am. Children who arrive between 8.40am and 8.50am will wait on the playground supervised by members of staff. Parents may wait with their children until 8.50am if they wish. A whistle will be blown at 8.50am and classroom doors will be opened. Registers will be taken at 9am and lessons will begin at 9.05am.

Children will be expected to wait calmly - it will not be a playtime.

In bad weather the classroom doors will be opened at 8.40am.

Reception classrooms will open at 8.40am; nursery starts at 8.45am

Afternoon pick up

Reception to year 2 will leave at 3.15pm

Year 3 to year 6 will leave at 3.25pm.

The same one way system will apply. Older siblings will not be released earlier. If you have children in different year groups, please still collect at the times listed above.

Nursery Timings

AM nursery - 8.45am to 11.45am, PM nursery - 12.30pm to 3.30pm

Meet the teacher meetings

In September we will be holding virtual meet the class teacher meetings to outline year group plans and logistics. Restrictions permitting, we hope to have drop in sessions across KS1 and Early Years. Further details with timings will follow.

After school activity clubs

We are pleased to confirm that a number of after school activities will resume in September for children from years 1 to 6 including Elms sports, Street Dance and Drama, French and Spanish and Coding. Information has been sent to the relevant year groups and is attached to this email with contact details. Please contact the club providers directly if you are interested in your child joining any of the clubs.

Water Bottles and Snacks

Please ensure that your child has a **named** water bottle each day so that they can access a drink throughout lesson time. Reception, year 1 and 2 will be provided with a fruit snack. Reception children will also be offered milk daily. Please do not send in snacks for children in reception, year 1 and year 2.

As part of our promotion of healthy lifestyles, children in Years 3 - 6 are permitted to bring in a fruit snack, plain rice cakes or plain popcorn for break times.

On Fridays children are permitted a small slice of cake or small bag of crisps in their packed lunch, in line with those having school dinners.

Uniform and PE kit

From September we would like all children to adhere to the correct uniform at all times. This includes PE kits which consist of white short sleeve t-shirt, blue or black shorts and in cooler weather a dark blue, black or grey tracksuit. Please ensure that everything that comes into school is labelled with your child's name.

We would also like to remind parents that **jewellery should not be worn** in school apart from small stud earrings which must be removed on PE days.

Uniform may be ordered from our suppliers [Price and Buckland](#).

The Pantry

Please update your child's Pantry account as soon as possible with their **new class and year group** to ensure that meals are prepared for them in September. Contact The Pantry directly on 020 8813 7040 if you require any help with this. Please ensure that you have liaised with The Pantry regarding any allergies or special food requirements. Update us too via the school office.

Year 6 Walking to School and Mobile Phone Permissions

Please complete the electronic permission form on the attached letter if you would like your **Year 6** child to walk to and from school independently and bring a mobile phone to school.

More information regarding curriculum will follow after the beginning of term. Have a great bank holiday weekend.

Mr. Butler and the JLA team.