



17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

Welcome Back

It has been great to welcome you and your children back to school. I have enjoyed being able to visit pupils in their classrooms and to see how settled they are in their routines. This is a view shared by our CEO, Mrs Nixon, who joined us on Tuesday this week. She was delighted to see the great learning behaviour of our pupils and how focused they are in lessons already.

Meet the teacher session

As we move forward from some of the restrictions in place last year, we are mindful that we were unable to invite parents into school before the summer break to meet their children's new teachers. We would therefore like to invite you to join your child in class for an informal opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out about school life in their new year group.

We are offering sessions at the start and end of the day on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Nursery times: 8:30-9:00am or 3:00-3:30pm

Other classes: 8:40-9:10am or 2:45-3:15pm.

The sessions will include taking part in an activity with your child, a chance to meet your child's teacher and for the teacher to share any important class information with you. The sessions will be in your child's classroom. If you are attending the morning session, please come with your child into class in the morning. If you are attending the afternoon session, please arrive at the session start time and go to your child's classroom door/external door where they usually exit. Parents only need to attend one of the sessions and don't need to sign up for this.

Individual Discussions

From October, your child's teacher will phone you to provide some brief feedback on how they have settled in class, but also to offer a chance to discuss any individual queries. These calls may come from a withheld number.

Punctuality

Morning drop-off seems to be settling into a smoother pattern, but just a reminder that your child may arrive any time between the times indicated below:

Nursery: 8.30-8.40

All other classes: 8.40-8.50

We know that sometimes there are exceptional circumstances, but please do ensure that children arrive within these times so that they are ready to learn and do not disrupt lessons for others. For safeguarding reasons and to avoid congestion, children should not arrive early.

## Uniform/PE kit

Thank you so much for your support in ensuring that pupils are prepared for school, wearing uniform, suitable footwear and school PE kit on PE days. We ask that PE kit fits in with our uniform policy and that long hair is tied back in school. Details of our uniform can be found below:

We allow pupils to wear a range of options linked to our school colours and traditional uniform. We encourage families to adapt uniform to take account of their cultural backgrounds or religion.

### Uniform includes:

- navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (logo optional)
- navy/grey/black skirt or trousers
- grey pinafore or blue gingham dress
- white shirt or blouse
- navy tie (optional)
- white polo shirt (logo optional)
- black sensible shoes (no high heels, slip-ons or sandals)
- waterproof jacket and sunhat (warmer weather)
- warm coat, hat and gloves (winter) PE Kit On PE days, pupils in Years 1 to 6 should arrive at school dressed in their PE kit, although they may also wear their school sweatshirt.

### Our school PE kit includes:

- plain white t-shirt (no logos)
- navy blue shorts (no logos)
- trainers
- blue leggings or tracksuit bottoms (for outdoor PE)
- navy blue tracksuit top (for outdoor PE)

### Swimming kit for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 (Year 6 are going swimming in term 1):

- navy/dark coloured swimsuit or trunks
- towel

### Uniform suppliers

Sweatshirts and polo shirts with the school logo can be purchased from:

- Cliff's Menswear, Printing Office Street, Doncaster
- [www.schoolwearsolutions.com](http://www.schoolwearsolutions.com)

### Hairstyles, etc

All hairstyles should be appropriate for school. Any hair which is shoulder length or longer should be tied back at all times and any hair accessories be reasonably sized, and be navy blue, white or black. Make-up, false eyelashes, nail varnish and nail extensions are not permitted.

### Jewellery

With the exception of plain stud earrings (no more than one per ear), jewellery should not usually be worn in school. We will adapt our policy on religious grounds, but ask that we are made aware of any requests in advance of jewellery being worn so that we can communicate variations to staff. All jewellery should usually be removed for PE lessons. Where earrings cannot be removed, parents/carers should provide plasters to cover them.

On behalf of all our staff, I would like to thank you for your support during the start of term.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr C Metcalfe  
Principal

