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Headteacher

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1st September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We look forward to welcoming your children back and hope that you all had a restful and healthy summer.

Covid-19

Guidance for schools has been updated and we will continue to review and control risks so that pupils and staff are as safe as possible at school. We will maintain good hand hygiene, keep rooms well ventilated and follow public health guidance. There is no longer a need for class/year bubbles and classes will not be sent home if there is a confirmed case. School will keep you updated of any changes to the guidance by the Department of Education or Ealing Borough.

We ask that parents continue to use Parentcomms or call the school office to communicate with school. We want to avoid parents gathering in the office and will continue to ask parents to make an appointment. Staff will be on the playground at the start and the end of the day to answer any queries you might have.

If a child has Covid-19 symptoms, they should self-isolate and get a PCR test. If a child has a positive Covid-19 test result, they should isolate for the required number of days. Schools are no longer responsible for tracing close contacts; instead, contacts will now be identified by NHS Test and Trace. For further details on the operational guidance for schools please see the Department for Education link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance>

First Day

Years 1 to 6 start on **Monday 6th September**. We will continue with the current 'soft start' of **8.40am to 8.55am**.

- Nursery and reception received individual emails regarding their staggered start dates and times. If you are not sure, then please call the office or email Parentcomms.
- Years 1 and 2 go straight to the classroom – signs will be on the doors.
- Years 3 to 6 will go straight to the middle or top floor where they will be welcomed by their teachers.

Staff will be ready on the playgrounds to direct you if you are unsure of where to go. Parents should say goodbye on the playground as they will not be permitted to go into the building.

Pick up will also stay the same; years 3 to 6 will be dismissed from the playground and EYFS and key stage 1 from their classrooms. Parents new to the school or those unsure of the different year group arrangements please ask a member of staff on the playground for help. The year 3 to 6 pick up area is at the back of the key stage 2 playground. **School finishes at 3.15pm.**

Please be prompt for the start and end of the school day. Good punctuality and attendance is important and allows for children to begin and end the day in a positive way. Good attendance leads to better outcomes for children so we want to work with you to ensure we have outstanding attendance.

Our vision is to create a community of successful learners who feel confident, happy and safe and who show respect for themselves, each other and the environment.

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Useful Information

Please see the links below to access useful information about your child's year group. PE days, timetables, topic webs and other important information will be shared in the coming week.

Reception: <https://www.derwentwaterschool.com/ckfinder/userfiles/files/reception%20parent%20information.pptx>

Year 1: <https://www.derwentwaterschool.com/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Welcome%20to%20Year%201.ppt>

Year 2: <https://www.derwentwaterschool.com/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Welcome%20to%20Year%202.ppt>

Years 3/4: <https://www.derwentwaterschool.com/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Year%203%26%20%20parent%20information.pptx>

Years 5/6:

<https://www.derwentwaterschool.com/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Year%205%20%26%20%20parent%20information.pptx>

We hope that the children are excited about returning, we are ready to settle them back into school and to begin a year of learning and personal growth. If you have particular worries or concerns or want to let us know about anything that happened over the summer, then please get in touch through Parentcomms and a member of staff will get back to you. We understand that some children will need more support as they return to school. We are confident that our approach to learning and school life will ensure that your children transition well into their new class.

Please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you need further support, then speak to the assistant head or year lead as listed below. Appointments and calls can be arranged through the office:

Karen Hankin – EYFS/KS1 Assistant head teacher

Allan Butcher-Years 3 and 4 Assistant head teacher and SENDCo

Catherine Ashton – Year 5 lead (Until a phase leader is appointed)

Richard Clayton – Year 6 lead (Until a phase leader is appointed)

Nikki Gardner-Deputy Head

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We are looking forward to the year ahead with optimism.

Kind regards

Nikki Gardner