



5th September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

## **Welcome back!**

Welcome back to the new school year! We are excited to welcome everyone back to school tomorrow.

School will be open from 8am for children attending breakfast club and between 8:45 and 8:55am for the start of the school day. Children can enter via the EYFS doors or the Quad and will be directed straight to the hall where they will be welcomed by their new teacher and directed to their new classroom and coat peg.

As per usual, there will be staff at the EYFS doors and at the Quad to welcome the children and pass on any messages.

## **Building updates:**

Staff have been very busy over the summer holidays preparing school for the start of term. Rooms have been decorated and there has been lots of cleaning and tidying. The ground work in the quad has been prepared ready for our new shelter being installed during October half term. A huge thank you to all involved.

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. The Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub.

I hope that this offers reassurance.

## **School uniform**

A reminder that school uniform should be worn at all times unless it is your child's PE day. On PE days children can wear their PE uniform to school. We will inform you of your child's PE days this week. Uniform should be as follows:

**School Uniform:**

- Grey / black skirt or trousers
- White / red polo shirt or
- White blouse / shirt
- Bright red jumper,
- sweatshirt or cardigan
- Red checked dress in

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summer  
Plain black leather or  
leather style shoes which  
can be polished.

**Trainers should not be worn as part of school uniform.**

**PE Kit:** Plain white T-Shirt,  
Plain black or navy shorts  
Plain black / navy long bottoms  
Red sweatshirt / cardigan or  
grey Red Rose PE hoodie  
Trainers

***Clothing should not display any sports logos***

We do have a selection of pre-used uniform which can be collected from school or donated to the British Heart Foundation in Chester le Street. We are also in receipt of a small amount of funding (which has been kindly donated by parents) to support with the financial cost of uniform. Please speak to Mrs Brinton if this is something you would like to access.

### **Date for the diary:**

**Thursday 7th September 2:45pm** - come into school and meet your child's new teacher, visit their classroom and find out about the term ahead.

Parents will be able to access the school building via the Quad gates at 2:40pm and will be directed to their child's new classroom. The children will all be in the hall for an assembly. Teachers will share a short presentation about the year ahead. Once finished, parents will be asked to wait in the school yard and children will be dismissed from their usual doors.

Looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow

Kind regards

Mrs A Brinton  
**HEADTEACHER**

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