

Monday 4th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back

We hope you have all had a lovely summer. Our teachers have been working hard to get the classrooms ready for the children and we are looking forward to welcoming the children back tomorrow.

Over the next week, we will be working on re-establishing our school expectations of Ready, Respectful and Safe. Each class will also work on 'We're All Wonders' to look at the special talents and gifts that we all have, as well as respecting and celebrating differences.

There have been some staffing changes that we would like to share with you. We are pleased to let you know that prior to the summer break Miss Golding was appointed as our school SENCO. We also welcome new staff members to the Exeter team:

Miss Coleman – FS2 Teacher
Miss Essam – Year 2 Teacher
Miss Dighton – Year 5 Class Teacher and Assistant Head for Years 4-6
Miss Hinde – Teaching Assistant

We would like to share some of our arrangements and processes with you for the new academic year, which we hope you find helpful:

Questions and Queries

All questions and queries regarding your child's learning or wellbeing needs should initially be directed to the class teacher. Following this, please arrange an appointment with your child's phase leader, the details of these staff members are below:

EYFS – Sammy Newstead
Lower School (Years 1-3) – Miss McKee
Upper School (Years 4-6) – Miss Dighton

ClassDojo

We are pleased to be using ClassDojo as one of our communication platforms. You will be provided with a QR code if you have not linked automatically to your child's new teacher. Please note, staff will only respond to messages on ClassDojo between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm during the working week.

Safeguarding

Should you need to speak to someone with regards to a safeguarding matter, you can contact the Safeguarding and Wellbeing Team. Karen Lloyd is our Safeguarding and Wellbeing Team Manager.

PE Days

PE lessons will start from Monday 11th September. Please see PE days for your child's class below. On these days we ask that children come to school in their PE Kit.

Reception

Class teachers will let you know when our reception children are starting their PE lessons.

Y1

Miss McKee – Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Mrs Nelson – Wednesdays and Thursdays

Y2

Mrs Letts – Monday and Friday

Miss Essam – Monday and Friday

Y3

Mr Efford – Tuesday and Thursday

Mrs Richardson – Monday and Thursday

Y4

Mrs Gotch – Mondays (two PE sessions)

Miss Broughton – Monday and Thursday

Y5

Miss Dighton – Tuesday and Wednesday

Mrs Mathew – Tuesday and Wednesday

Y6

Miss Hamilton – Tuesday and Friday

Miss Vorster – Tuesday and Thursday

Mrs Norris - Fridays (two PE sessions)

Uniform

Please ensure that you child's uniform is labelled with their name so that we can return any lost items to them. We will also be looking to set up a uniform swap shop so we would welcome any donations of old uniform that you no longer need.

Our uniform: Black or grey trousers (not leggings), skirt or pinafore, white or red polo shirt, a blue jumper or cardigan and black school shoes. Blue and white checked dresses can be worn for warmer weather.

PE Kit: A red plain or Exeter t-shirt, black shorts or joggers and trainers/plimsoles.

Jewellery: Children are allowed only a watch and a pair of stud earrings.

Please do not send your child to school wearing false nails, acrylic nails or similar.

Water Bottles

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle. This can be taken home at the end of each day or kept in school to be re-filled each morning.

Walking Home

Year 5 and 6 children are able to walk home with parental consent. You can give parental consent on the parent APP. Please do this before tomorrow should you wish your child to walk home at the end of the school day.

Mobile Phones

We only allow children from Years 5 and 6 to bring a mobile phone to school if they are walking home. We will write to Year 5 & 6 parents to explain our policy on this further. Children from any other year group are not permitted to bring mobile phones into school.

We look forward to working with you over the next academic year.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Doherty
Head of School

Mrs Crawford
Head of School