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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you all, once again, for your patience and understanding during this very difficult academic year. I would also like to thank you for continuing to adhere to Covid19 restrictions until the end of term.

I would also like to welcome our new children, who will be joining us in Year 3, and their families.

I am pleased to say I am now able to share with you the arrangements for September, when we will hopefully return to life without bubbles!

Transition

Sadly, children have missed out on some of our transition activities this year but staff have planned two days of transition activities at the beginning of term to help children settle into their new classes.

Start/End to the Day.

I am delighted to tell you that we will be returning to our normal school day! All children will begin their day at 8.45am and end at 3pm. All three gates will be open and we are once again able to welcome parents onto the playground! There will be a member of staff on the main playground from 8.30am and all class teachers will be out by 8.40am, if you need to "a quick word" before the children's learning begins. I will also be on the playground at the start and end of the day - please come and say hello, I have missed you all very much!

All Year 3 children need to be brought to school and collected by a responsible adult please. If you would like your child in years 4, 5 and 6 to walk home alone, please email the admin email address to let me know as parents are responsible for their own child, once they leave the school premises.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

We will be running both Breakfast Club and After School Club in September but in a very different way to before Covid19 as we need to restrict numbers to ensure we have an appropriate adult/child ratio. All places must be booked in advance and children are no longer allowed to arrive on the day, expecting to attend. Please see below for details.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am and runs until the school day starts at 8.45am. Children can choose from a selection of cereals, toast, beans on toast, juices and milk. Breakfast Club costs £2.00 per day and is booked in advance directly through your child's Trips and Offers sQuid account through the booking system. Please book your child in by the Wednesday preceding the week in which you require a place at Breakfast Club.

If you have not **booked and paid in advance** for a place for your child at Breakfast Club, they will not be allowed to attend.

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After School Club

After School Club will run daily until 3.45pm daily. Children can take part in various activities, including crafts, games or even homework! This costs £2.00 per day and is booked in advance directly through your child's Trips and Offers sQuid account through the booking system. Please book your child in by the Wednesday preceding the week in which you require a place at After School Club.

If you have not **booked and paid in advance** for a place for your child at After School Club, they will not be allowed to attend.

Lunches

We will be re-opening our dining room in September and children will no longer be eating in their classrooms. Dinners are charged at £2.30 per day, direct to your child's Catering sQuid purse. Children can order from a choice of 2 hot meals (1 vegetarian option), a jacket potato or a sandwich daily. Menus are available to view on our website. If you wish to apply for Free School Meals, please contact Nottinghamshire County Council on 0115 804 1237.

Snacks

Children have the option to order a snack with their teacher, on a daily basis, for morning break. The options available are mini pizzas or fruit bags. Children can order 1 snack daily. Snacks are charged directly to your child's Catering sQuid purse and cost 30p each. Please inform the SJA office if you do not wish your child to order snacks.

Drinks

Please send your child with a non-fizzy drink each day, preferably water. Water fountains will remain out of use but children will be able to re-fill their water bottles at the taps

Uniform

Children will need to wear their full school uniform, including a tie, in September. Details of how to purchase new uniform is on our website but if you have any questions, please phone the Academy Office. I would like to remind everyone that children need to wear black school shoes, not boots or trainers. Thank you.

Forest School

Children will be taking part in Forest School on the following days.

| Class | Ash | Hazel | Oak | Beech | Maple | Willow | Silver Birch |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------|
| Day | Tuesday | Tuesday | Tuesday | Thursday | Wednesday | Thursday | Wednesday |

Children will need to wear their school uniform on their Forest School day and bring their Forest School kit, including wellington boots, in a named bag and store it on their peg. Children will then get changed before and after each lesson.

PE

To maximise the time children spend being active during PE lessons, we have decided to ask everyone to continue coming to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please see the table below for details of your child's day. This will be reviewed towards the end of September, as the weather changes.

I must make it very clear that PE days are not non-uniform days and children must wear their uniform PE kit. If a child is not wearing their uniform PE kit, parents will be telephoned and asked to bring the kit to school. If parents are not able to do this, the child will be given a spare kit from school to wear, for the day, to ensure they are in the correct uniform. Children are allowed to wear their school jumper or their PE fleece over their PE kit.

| Class | Ash | Hazel | Oak | Beech | Maple | Willow | Silver Birch |
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| Day | Thursday | Thursday | Wednesday | Wednesday | Tuesday | Monday | Monday |



Masks

If your child is wearing a mask to and from school, please send a clean, zipped plastic bag to store the mask in, once your child is in school.

Mobile Phones

If your child is walking to and from school alone, they will be allowed to bring a mobile phone to school. It must be handed in at the office as soon as your child arrives at school and collected at the end of the day. The Academy cannot take responsibility for children's mobile phones.

Bikes and Scooters

Children will, once again, have access to the bike sheds so they will be able to come to school on their bikes and scooters. For safety, all children must wear a helmet, which needs to be handed in at the office on arrival and collected at the end of the day.

Homework

Your child will bring home their homework menu, for the half term, during the first few days in September. Homework is shared with the Class Teacher via Teams, this will be explained to your child. If you have problems accessing Teams, please speak to your child's teacher or send a message on Class Dojo.

Library

We are so pleased to be able to re-open our School Library and allow children to choose books to read at home. Please read with you child five times each week and sign their diary. We have a reading reward scheme where children receive stars for reading each week and when they have collected 10 stars they are able to choose a book from Mrs Boyle's (our English Lead) prize cupboard!

Assemblies

We are hoping to begin whole school assemblies in September and invite parents to share their children's success in our Golden Assembly on Fridays. If your child is going to be mentioned and receive a certificate, you will be invited via a text message. Please note we can only allow one adult per child to attend.

Reception

The Academy Reception will re-open to parents in September but we can only allow one parent inside at any one time. This is due to Covid 19 restrictions and out of respect for everyone's privacy.

Children will no longer be allowed to enter school in the mornings via Reception, they will all need to use classroom or cloakroom doors.

Any adult entering the building will be asked to wear a face covering.

I hope that the above changes make life so much easier for everyone. Please be aware that there may be many updates from the Government during August and it may be necessary to amend some practices before the start of term. If this is the case, I will write to you the day before the new term starts.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Academy office during normal school hours, email the admin email address or send a message to your child's current teacher on Class Dojo.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this academic year and wish you all a lovely Summer, whatever you choose to do!

Take care and stay safe!

Kind regards,
Mrs Marples.
Principal

