



Welcome Back!

It was absolutely great to welcome everyone back to school today. School is beginning to feel more 'normal' as Covid rules are relaxed a little, but we are still maintaining the basic principles of hand-washing and maintaining some social distancing where appropriate.

We are thrilled to welcome our new Reception children into school, and although this is only their first day, they seem to have settled in brilliantly! It is also fantastic to have Mrs Salmon back teaching Year 6 after a long absence. Mrs Salmon has been greatly missed by both children and staff. We are delighted to have Miss Bateson as a new teacher on our team, working in Year 2. We also welcome a new Teaching Assistant into Year 2, Miss Yates, and Mrs Nesbitt is welcomed as a new Teaching Assistant in Year 1.

Dinner Money

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to Free School Meals. In addition, some children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are entitled to free school meals. Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

If your child is currently eligible for free school meals, that eligibility will be protected until Universal Credit is introduced (expected March 2022) even if your circumstances change. If your child is still in education on this date, they will be eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in. Please search LANCASHIRE FREE SCHOOL MEALS to apply.

For those children who do not qualify for free school meals, the cost is £2:40 per day, or £12 per week. If you would like to pay for the whole half term (up until 22nd October) the cost is £88:80. Many Thanks.

Arrangements for this Term

We will be retaining some of the measures put in place over the last year, and relaxing others. It is good to reflect on those aspects which have made things better and are worth keeping. For example, parking is better due to the staggered drop off and pick up, and P.E. lessons are more productive when KS2 children wear their kit on PE days. So, September arrangements will be:

- **Drop off and pick-up is the same:**
Surnames A-K at 8:45 and 15:05 **Surnames L-Z at 8:55 and 15:15.**
- **Face coverings are optional, but we would ask that parents wear them if chatting face to face with staff.**
Dare I use the term 'common sense'?
- **School Uniform MUST be worn (see the reverse of this Newsletter for details).**
- **KS1 children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will need their P.E. Kit in school in a draw string bag.**
- **KS2 children will come to school in their P.E. kit on P.E. days – any tracksuits etc. must be in dark / muted colours or ideally school colours.**
- **Handwashing will remain as a key tool in infection control – whether COVID or anything else.**

Look out for updates on after school clubs, assemblies and events in the next few weeks!

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