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Dear Parents,

As the school year reaches its end I would like to thank you all for your support and partnership during the weeks from 23rd March. It has been fabulous to welcome so many pupils back into school gradually over this period. The academic work Parents and Carers have assisted at home has been tremendous.

School will resume for all pupils in September and careful safety procedures have been implemented.

New School Year

Term begins on Wednesday 2nd September.

Wednesday 2nd September – Year R-6 and Year 7 & 11 ONLY

Thursday 3rd September - Year R-6 and Year 7 & 11 ONLY

Friday 4th September – All pupils Induction and Orientation day – **This is a very important day, please ensure your child attends school**.

Covid Precautions

- Pupils will be required to sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day. Pupils may bring their own sanitiser if they can manage this sensibly
- Lunch times will be organised into 3 sittings to reduce group sizes
- Friday Assembly will be split having Secondary pupils then Primary pupils in the hall
- Children may be required to wear a face covering on school transport, this will need to be removed and placed in a plastic bag inside their school bag on their arrival at school. We suggest that you contact your transport provider directly to confirm the safety arrangements they have put in place before the start of term

New Website

We have worked very hard to ensure all the information you need about school is available on our new website including important letters and dates. You can also download the App for your phone.

Parent Pay

This is our cashless system to enable parents/carers to make payments to the school 'on line". Payments can be made in this way for school lunches and all trips and activities e.g. swimming, as well as payments towards residential trips.

There will still be the opportunity to continue with cheques and cash should this be your preferred option but we hope many of you will sign up!

<u>Uniform</u>

Please ensure your child is wearing correct uniform to school. Uniform can be purchased from the school office or online at <u>www.brigade.uk.com</u>. May I politely remind parents that "hoodies" are not part of our school uniform and may only be worn as outdoor coats. Black jeans are not permitted. For any questions regarding our school uniform please refer to our school website or call the school office.

Home Contact Details

If any of your contact or emergency details have changed, please keep the school informed.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for a day is £2.30 or £11.50 per week. If you would like to pay for the full term the amount is £75.90.

Brain Food

We would like to encourage all primary aged children to purchase our "Brain Food" snack pack which will be eaten in class as part of our PSHE time. Pupils will be able to choose from a selection of milk, breakfast biscuit or dried fruit. This will cost 50p each day totalling £2.50 a week and can be paid via Parent Pay. Please do encourage your child to join in.

Mobile Devices

Pupils are welcome to use mobile devices on their journeys to and from school. Phones and devices must be handed in at the start of the day. Pupils in years 10 & 11 may keep their phones, only if parents have signed the contract agreement.

Parent Friend and Teacher Association

Parents and friends of our school are very welcome to join our active PFTA who organise fund raising activities for us. Our Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 22nd September at 3.30pm. By prior agreement we can organise childcare for this meeting if you wish to attend.

School Governance

We currently have a vacancy on our school Governing Body. If you are interested in getting involved in the interesting work about the governance of the school, please contact Mrs A Pulsford our Clerk to Governors in the first instance.

School Bank

Membership of our School Bank is very low at the moment. We would like to encourage our pupils to become regular savers. If we cannot increase the use of the school bank it may have to close because we have to pay to have the account audited. Why not start the new term as school bank savers!

Newsletter

Our final newsletter will be sent out at the end of term.

I do hope you are able to enjoy some fun activities out and about during the holidays as the lockdown restrictions continue to lift and I look forward to welcoming pupils back in September.

With kind regards

L. Salter

Mrs L Salter Headteacher