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Key Information for Monday's return to school for all children

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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you are all well and have had a fabulous summer. For the last couple of days, all the staff and I have been busy in school preparing for the return of your children on Monday.

Firstly, I'd like to welcome our new Reception and Nursery families to Fleet as well as any families with children joining in other year groups. I look forward to many years working together as you and your children travel through Fleet on their Primary School Journey.

For all our children we are looking forward to a really successful year. Below is some important information for you and your children ahead of the coming term.

Start and finish times:

School day for Reception to Year 6

- Breakfast Club: 8am – breakfast provided – cost £1 per day unless child qualifies for a free place (if cost is an issue please speak to us)
- Junior Playground Open: 8.30am
- Classrooms Open: 8.45am
 - Parents and children are free to come up to the classroom at this time
 - This might be a good opportunity for parents to come into the class and read/look at a book with their child and help settle them
 - If you have a quick message you want to pass on to the teacher or a question to ask this could be done at this time (if you need to have a private or more lengthy discussion please make an appointment as the teacher cannot have this kind of discussion in the open classroom)
 - For older children moving into KS2 and throughout that key stage, we want to foster their independence so while it's good to visit the class to look at displays, touch base with the teacher and see you child's books, please avoid doing this everyday
- School Day starts – 9am (children need to be in class sat and ready by 9am not coming through the gate at this time!)

School day for Nursery

- Classroom opens: 8.50am – parents and children free to come into setting and get settled
- School Day Starts: 9am – children need to be in the setting at this time – please ensure you are on time and not late as this is disruptive not just for your child but for the rest of the class
- Finish 3.20pm

Pick up points

- **Nursery:** From the gate into the nursery covered area in the infant playground
- **Reception:** From the gate into the reception outdoor area – please line up against the wooden and green fences away from the buildings keeping the walkway clear for parents picking up from the Year 1 class and the juniors

- **Year 1:** From the door to the class at the end of the building - please line up against the classroom or the building opposite so as to not block the way to the playground
- **Year 2:** From the door beside the main gate as you come in from Fleet Road
- **Year 3 and Year 4:** The class teachers will bring their classes out to the junior playground and release from there and not from the door to the stairs – parents please wait in the junior playground leaving the path clear
- **Year 5 and 6:** Will be released into the covered area – parents please wait in this area leaving access to the playground free

Communication:

We will continue to use Parent Hub for all our parent communications. This has saved us a large amount of money over the last couple of years by avoiding paper and photocopying costs as well as the large cost associated with sending communications by text message. With the additional financial constraints facing us this year in terms of energy costs and cost of living increases it is more important than ever we are not wasting money. If you have not yet got the Parent Hub app installed please do so we can continue to make savings on text messages. Also, ensure that your phone has notifications switched **ON** for the app so you are alerted when we send a message (the same way you would be if it came by text). **Instructions on how to install are in the weekly newsletter or you can call Lisa in the office for support.**

Teacher names:

For a number of years we have had a situation where all support staff were addressed by their first names to children as well as EYFS teachers, while the teachers in the rest of the school were addressed by their surnames. Having consulted with teachers we have decided that **ALL** staff will be addressed by their first names moving forward to avoid any confusion. The children will be informed of this when they come back on Monday. For your information see first names below of the teachers:

- Nursery: **Nicola** (Budd) and **Rebecca** (Combes)
- Reception: **Rachel** (Webb)
- Year 1: **Beth** (Cleine)
- Year 2: **Ruth** (Hanfling)
- Year 3: **Stella** (Nochiri)
- Year 4: **Asha** (Sale)
- Year 5: **Sinead** (Costelloe)
- Year 6: **Lynley** (Benbetka)
- Senior Leadership: **Becca** (Wall) and **Rhian** (Mulji)
- Cover: **Holly** (Kingham)
- Catch Up Support: **Tammy** (Wood)

Curriculum Meetings:

Y1-Y6 classes will be holding their Curriculum meetings during week 2. These will be in person in the classroom. It is very important that if you can, you come to this meeting. It is an opportunity to meet the teacher and hear clearly what is to be covered this term as well as ask any questions you might have. There are a number of new initiatives happening across the school to support various areas of learning that you need to know about. So even if you think you have had older children pass through a year group before and therefore don't need to attend, you do – many things may have changed. Teachers may also have a number of important documents to hand out at these meetings.

Dates and times for the curriculum meetings – the meetings are held in the classrooms:

- Year 3 – Tuesday 13th September @ 6.30pm
- Year 4 – Tuesday 13th September @ 6.30pm
- Year 5 – Wednesday 14th September @ 6.30pm
- Year 6 – Wednesday 14th September @ 6.30pm
- Year 1 – Thursday 15th September @ 6.30pm
- Year 2 – Thursday 15th September @ 6.30pm

Topics and Curriculum:

Topic Letters and Topic snapshots will be sent out week of the 12th September following on from the Curriculum Meetings. Please ensure you keep the Topic Snapshot to support your child with their Topic learning for this term. It represents the key factual data the children need to have absorbed by the end of the topic and will be referred to throughout in class and for homework.

We are continuing to develop our work with the 'Black Curriculum' and the work we introduced last year through 'Lifting Limits' (whose focus is Gender Equality) into our curriculum offer.

Homework and Home learning:

In Year 1-6 we will continue to use 'Seesaw', the online learning platform, to deliver homework. If a child has to isolate for any reason it will also be how we deliver work for them to complete at home while they are isolating. We will also continue this year to use 'Mathletics', 'Times Table Rockstars' and 'Bug Club' to support learning in school and for children to practice key skills at home.

Obviously to access these online learning resources children will need access to the internet and a suitable device (not a phone!). If you have any problems in this area please speak to us and we can try to arrange support so the children do not miss out through lack of access. If your child does not remember any of their login details please let the teacher know as soon as possible so that they can get them a copy of the missing details.

Book Bags:

All children across the school take books home to support their reading development. In EYFS and KS1 as well as their reading for pleasure books there will also be phonics books that the children will be taking home. We have invested heavily in these books and it is really important that any books going home come back in to school **EVERYDAY**. We would recommend a school book bag to hold books – this keeps them flat and in good condition. Book bags can be purchased from the school office for £3.50.

Lunches:

We continue to offer a hot, nutritious lunch, cooked on site by the school catering team from Caterlink. Children returning will be assigned a lunch based on their status at the end of last year – either school dinner or packed lunch. Please make sure you inform the office if you plan to change your child's lunch (either from packed lunch to school dinner; or school dinner to pack lunch) so that you are charged correctly.

If you are providing your child with a packed lunch please ensure it meets the criteria of a 'healthy' packed lunch as laid out in Appendix 1 of our Whole School Food Policy. This can be found on our website at: <https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Policies/Food%20Policy%20including%20Packed%20Lunch%20-%20Jan%202022.pdf>

If you think you qualify for free school meals status please ensure you have applied through Camden – <https://accountforms.camden.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals/>. Unless verified by Camden as being eligible, children will be charged for their lunch.

PLEASE NOTE: All children from Reception-Year 2 qualify for a free school meal under the universal free school meals programme. However, as much of the school's funding is determined by the number of children eligible for free school meals (not universal) we would encourage you to apply if you think you meet the criteria, even if your children is in EYFS or KS1. This will enable the school to get the funding we need as well as avoiding you being charged for meals when they move to Year 3 and are no longer eligible for the 'universal' entitlement.

Equipment and things needed to be brought in:

- **Water:** Please send your child in to school with a water bottle (put their name on it) so that they have access to water throughout the day. They will be able to refill their bottles throughout the day. We know hydration is very important to support attention.
- **Stationary:** As is usual, all writing equipment and exercise books are provided by the school. If children do want to bring in their own pencil case and stationary items they are free to do so but it is not required.
- **PE Kit:** Children need to have PE kit to wear on their PE day. This year Coach Keeley will be coming in on Mondays to work with Years 1-6. Classes may also have a further session with their class teacher, with Arsenal or swimming depending term and year group. This information will be made clear in the individual curriculum meetings mentioned previously. Up to Year 4 children are free to wear PE kit to school rather than need to change if they prefer. Year 5 and 6 need to bring in a change of clothes for hygiene reasons.
- **Swimming:** This year we hope to send Year 4-Year 6 swimming to Kentish Town Swimming Pool. They will be following the intensive programme which means they swim for an hour at a time every day for 2 weeks. The class going this term will be Year 4. More information will be given at their Curriculum Meeting.

Clubs

We will be resuming clubs this term. Next week a letter will be sent out with the clubs we are able to offer. As you will have seen in the newsletters last term, we would love to have some parent volunteers to run some clubs. At Fleet we try to run as many of our clubs using volunteers and in school staff as possible so that we can continue to offer them at a low price and make them as accessible as possible. Thank you to those parents who have already come forward. Please contact the office early next week if you are able to offer your time and expertise to run a club this term before we prepare the club timetable and send it out next week.

Class Assemblies & Christmas Shows:

For new families, these are events where each class puts on a performance showcasing the learning from their topic this term. A different class goes each week from Y1 to Y6. The parents from the class performing on any given week are invited in to watch. As usual they will be on Friday mornings at 10am unless indicated otherwise (occasionally events come up and we have to move an assembly – if this happens we will try to give as much notice as possible). See below for provisional dates so you can put the date in your diary.

- 7th October – Year 5
- 14th October – Year 4
- 21st October – Year 3
- 11th November – Year 1

Year 2 and Year 6 do not do a 'class assembly' this term and they lead their respective Christmas Shows. The Infant Show (led by the Year 2 class in on a Friday and all parents from EYFS and KS1 are welcome to attend). The Junior Show – led by year 6 - is on a Thursday with two performances – a morning and evening one – and all parents from KS2 are welcome to attend. However, the evening show is ticketed with a limited number of seat available. All children in the juniors are expected to perform in the evening show even if an adult is not coming to watch them. More information will be available at the time.

- 2nd December – Infant Show – Year 2 to lead
- 8th December – Junior Show – Year 6 to lead (performances at 9.30am & 7pm)

Trips and Visits:

Teachers have already been spending time this summer booking some exciting trips and visits to link in with their class topics this term. Details of the trips for your child's class for those already booked will be shared

in the curriculum meetings. As is usual, we can only take children out on these valuable learning experience with your support. Staffing is incredibly tight and if a situation arises where we do not have enough parent volunteers to come along we will be forced to cancel the trip/visit. Traditionally we tend to find the classes further up the school are more difficult to recruit parent volunteers for trips so if you are in KS2 and able to support on trips please do let your class teacher know.

Parent Workshops

As we go through the year there will be a number of different events put on to support parents from open mornings to workshops. Below are those already planned. As others are arranged we will let you know. While we recognise not everyone can attend events during the school day we hope that with enough notice arrangements can be made for you to attend as many of these as possible. Feedback on previous events has been very positive.

- **27th September @ 9am – Promoting Positive Body Image and Self-Esteem**
- **12th October @ 9am – KS1 and KS2 Phonics/Reading open morning**
- **23rd November @ 9am – Managing Screen Time and Social Media**

Term Dates:

This year's dates are up on the school website at the following address. For your information I include the dates for this term below:

<https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/about-us/dates>

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| First day of term | Monday 5 th September 2022 |
| Half term (inclusive) | Monday 24 th Oct – Friday 28 th Oct 2022 |
| Last day of term | Friday 16 th December 2022 |

Office:

The office is available throughout the school day to deal with any enquiries you may have. Please bear in mind that the beginning of the day and the end of the day are the busiest times for them and therefore maybe not the best time to go in and ask a question or complete a task that could be done over the phone or via email at a more convenient time. Remember that most costs, such as school dinners and clubs, can be paid for online – the office can advise on how to set this up. Myself, or another members of the school Senior Leadership team are on hand at drop off or pick up on the front gate and can also pass on any messages you might have for the office or a class teacher.

I'd like to thank you for your continued support and trust as we prepare for the year ahead. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday when we welcome back the children.

Yours Sincerely,



Don M^cGibbon - Head Teacher