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Dear Parents / Carers

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday. We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and that your children are raring to go! The staff have been working hard over the last few weeks preparing the school and planning exciting lessons. This week they have taken part in staff training in preparation for the children's return.

School Routines (Covid)

In the majority of cases we look forward to being able to move to some form of normality in classes with the children not being restricted in specific bubbles. However, in light of the number of cases in the locality we will maintain some of the previous regulations to keep the children and all members of the school community safe.

1. We will maintain the same entrance and exit points as last year with members of the senior leadership team manning the gate on the High Street and the gates from the Verdin Car Park. We kindly ask that all visitors to the site use the appropriate one way system.
2. We ask that parents don't gather on the playground to reduce contact.
3. We kindly request that visitors who enter the school building continue to wear face coverings. However, visitors to the school grounds can do so if they wish.

Welcome Meetings

During the next 2 weeks, the staff will be running year group welcome meetings. These will be held virtually online at the following times below. During the meetings the staff will guide you regarding the requirements for the year. Further details will be distributed by each year group.

Date	Time	Year Group	Location/Virtual
Tues 7 th Sept	14:30-15:00	Year R	Theatre/Outdoor Green Area (Face to Face)
Mon 13 th Sept	15:45-16:15	Year 2	Virtual
Mon 13 th Sept	16:30-17:00	Year 1	Virtual
Tues 14 th Sept	15:45-16:15	Year 5	Virtual
Weds 15 th Sept	15:45-16:15	Year 4	Virtual
Weds 15 th Sept	16:30- 17:00	Year 6	Virtual
Thurs 16 th Sept	15:45-16:15	Year 3	Virtual

Wrap Around Care

I am delighted to inform you that we will be relaunching the 'Before and After School Care Clubs' as the High Street Hub on our return to school. The Breakfast Hub will be managed by Mrs Clarke and the After School Hub will be managed by Mrs Davies. Further details will be released shortly. However, the Eduspot online booking system is now live. Please can I remind parents to book for the clubs in advance, especially ones for the following week, by the previous Friday at 12.00pm. This enables the staff to purchase the required amount of produce for meals and ensures that I allocate the correct number of staff to the facility.

School Meals

Please note if you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, then they are automatically entitled to Universal **Free** School Meals. These can be ordered by your child on a daily basis. On Monday 6th September we will start **Week 1** of the School Menu, which is available on the school website. School meals are £2.34 per day.



Payment for school meals can be made online via Pay360 Education Payments (previously Sims Pay) in the usual way. If you need a password reminder please email the office to request one at returns@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk.

New to Year 3- Free School Meals

Please note that as the children progress into Year 3, they are no longer eligible for the Universal Free School Meals. However, should you be in receipt of any of the following benefits, then you might be entitled to Free School Meals moving forwards (and therefore Pupil Premium) for your child:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you are successful in an application, then your child will be entitled to free meals for 6 years in addition to significant discounts off school visits once we restart them. To see if you are entitled to this, please call: 0300 123 7039 the process takes only a few minutes, but could save you a considerable amount of money.

School Swimming

Swimming will start next Tuesday for the children in Y3 and on Wednesday for the children in Y4. Lessons will continue on the same day each week for the children in the two year groups during the Autumn Term.

School Timings

Please may I remind all concerned that the following school timings will apply from 6th September:

Year Group	Start time	Finish time
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	8.45am	3.05pm.
Year 3 –Year 6	8.55am	3.15pm

Uniform for September

We look forward to welcoming back the children in September. However, we will be insisting on appropriate school uniform. During lockdown we have been a little more relaxed with regards footwear as parents have not been able to access the shops. However on our return, we will be insisting on appropriate black shoes in accordance with the school uniform policy. **Black trainers will not be accepted.** To check on the styles of appropriate black shoes, please view the uniform section on the school website. There are also images of footwear which will not be accepted.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards

Mark Joule
Head teacher