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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year and a very warm welcome to our new reception parents. I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break and feel rested for the start of another term. There will be a further newsletter next week with important dates, curriculum information and information about the relevant guidance from the DfE regarding Covid-protection. I would like to begin by communicating the necessary procedures for the start and end of the school day.

The school day will start at 8.40am and end at 3.00pm. Parents may escort their children to their class; however, we ask that parents do not congregate in the school grounds to limit any potential spread of Covid-19. Also, where possible with older children, please allow them to walk to class independently. To avoid congestion on the playground or at the school gates, please leave the grounds in a timely manner. If you require a conversation with a member of staff, please do so by contacting the school office.

Covid

We are required to have a contingency plan in place should there be deemed to be an outbreak in a class or classes and to say how we would operate if we needed to break the chain of transmission. In this event, we may have to revert to our previous risk assessment.

Information about what to do in the event of anyone in your family catching COVID and information about isolation, can be found in the following link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges#face-coverings>

In the section on Track and Trace it states:

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- *they are fully vaccinated*
- *they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months*



- *they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial*
- *they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons*

What children need

Children will need to bring in a clearly labelled water bottle, wellington boots, a waterproof jacket. Children will be provided with their own writing equipment and stationery in school. PE days will remain the same as last academic year and children should come to school in their PE kit on those days.

Class newsletters

Class letters and curriculum maps will follow next week.

Student Update Forms

These will be arriving home with your child shortly. Please read the current information carefully and update any details (**especially contact numbers and email addresses which we use regularly to contact you**), so that our records are as accurate as possible.

In order to make the end of school procedures even more effective, we would like to remind you of our password system (1 per family) for collection of children at the end of the school day. This will operate when someone new to the school may be collecting your child and will enable us to verify the adult. Please could you add a password to the bottom of the student update form for your child, which will be kept confidentially.

Please continue to inform the school office when there are any changes regarding your child during the school year.

Home School /ICT User Agreement Forms

Attached with next week's newsletter will be a copy of the home school agreement. By enrolling your child at Kirtlington CE Primary you are agreeing to the expectations set out in the agreement. The home school and ICT user agreement will be discussed in class with your child next week.

Parent Pay

All our new pupils now have activated ParentPay accounts. Only three pupils still need to activate their accounts and order their school lunches. Some parents have had issues using the system, particularly for recording meal choices. All issues raised with us have been shared with ParentPay and have been rectified or are being dealt with. Thank you all for your co-operation in using this system which makes school operations so much smoother and allows pupils to get stuck into their lessons straight away in the mornings.

Free School meals

Should your circumstances change over the next few weeks or months, please see this link for further support. <http://schools.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/free-school-meals>



Breakfast club

A new wrap around care provision has been put in place using High Flyers (see email 14.06.2021). Please refer to the flyer sent out. If you require more information or another copy, please contact the office. Or go to: www.highflyers.org.uk

From myself and the rest of the team, we look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.

