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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to welcoming all parents, children and staff back to school. We hope you all had a restful Summer holiday and are excited about the start of the new school year.

- Children in years 1 to 6 will start school tomorrow, Thursday 2nd September 2021.
- Reception children have staggered start dates as the parents were already informed.
- Nursery children who were in our nursery before summer and will still continue in nursery this year, will start on Monday 6th September.

Due to the increase of Covid-19 rates across the country we will still keep in place all safety measures that we had in place previously, however, we will operate year group bubbles instead of class bubbles (For example - children in Year 3 will spend lunchtime and playtimes together).

As previously, we would like to ask parents to leave their children at the school gates - there will be staff on duty at the gates who will ensure your child goes safely to their classrooms. Reception parents will be able to bring their children to school to help settle them in their new classes, however we will ask all parents to wear face covering and to ensure social distancing.

Please use the main gate on Downsell Road as an entrance and the gate on corner of Downsell and Hall Road as an exit. When collecting your child/children please come close to the allocated time for your child's year group and leave promptly, this will help to avoid having too many parents in the playground at the same time.

Please see the table below for the start and end times for individual year groups.

Year Group	Start time	Collection from school
Young Explorers/ Nursery a.m	8.40a.m	11.40am
Young Explorers/ Nursery p.m	12.30p.m	3.30p.m
Young Explorers/ Nursery Fulltime	8.40am	3.30pm
Reception	8.45a.m	3.10p.m
Year 1	8.45a.m	3.10p.m
Year 2	9.00a.m	3.20p.m
Year 3	9.00a.m	3.20p.m
Year 4	8.45a.m	3.10p.m
Year 5	8.45a.m	3.10p.m
Year 6	8.30a.m	2.55p.m

















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All children will be expected to wear their school uniform to school and they are encouraged to carry a water bottle from home as all water fountains are turned off and cannot be used.

If your child is in Year 3 please remember the Universal Free School meal is no longer available for them. If your child chooses to have a school meal please make a payment in advance on the Pay+ shop on the school website. Meals cost £2.16 daily, weekly cost £10.80. If you receive means tested benefits you can apply for the Free School Meals for your child with the Local Authority.

We look forward to seeing all children back at school and helping them to continue with their education.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Chetty Headteacher













