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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone. Once again, thank you to all of the children, families and staff for making me feel so welcomed.

It is great to have the children back in school. They are all settling into their new classes and getting to know their new teaching teams. Like the beginning of every school year, the children are having to adapt to a new teacher, a new classroom, new expectations and new routines. The children have been brilliant so far and I am sure this will continue.

We look forward to welcoming our Nursery and Reception pupils into the school starting next week. Many children have had their stay and play sessions, where they got to meet the adults in their room and got to know their new environment. This staggered start in Early Years is vital to ensure that our littlest learners find joining school for the first time a positive experience.

Drop off this morning was fantastic, thank you. Please be aware that there are lots of staff in the playground each morning so that as the children are dropped at the gate they are guided to their class and they feel safe and happy. Please help us to avoid congestion by moving away from the gate area as soon as you have dropped your child off and by leaving the playground area in the afternoon as soon as you pick your child up.

School Office:

Due to Covid-19 and social distancing, we would like to ensure that there are limited adults entering the school office. We would ask that you continue to contact the school remotely, where possible. The office is open from 8am – 4pm, calls will not be answered before or after this time. Please leave a message on the answer phone any other time. The contact details for the office are at the top of this letter.



Please **email** the office as soon as you can, for any of the following reasons:

- To report a child's absence, an exact reason is required.
- To update contact numbers and address if these have changed recently.
- To inform the office of any medical appointments, which would result in the child missing a part of the school day.

Please **call** the office as soon as you can, for any of the following reasons:

- If another adult is picking your child up, giving their name.
- If you are going to be late to collect your child.

Please **enter** the office if arriving late in the morning, once the main gate has closed. Please escort your child to the office to sign them in and to give a reason for lateness. It is incredibly important that all the children arrive to school on time, to ensure that no valuable learning time is missed.

School Day:

8:30 – Main Gate and Early Years Door Opens.

8:45 – Registers close, anyone who arrives after this time will be marked late.

10:05-10:20 – Key Stage 1 Morning Play.

10:25-10:40 – Lower Key Stage 2 Morning Play.

10:45-11:00 – Upper Key Stage 2 Morning Play.

11:30 – 12:30 – First Lunchtime sitting.

12:30 – 1:30pm – Second Lunchtime Sitting.

2:50pm – Main Gate Opens.

3pm – End of school day – children released to parents.

3:15pm – Main Gate closed

School Meals

Please let the school office know if you want your child to have school dinners. Please look at the Menu so you can help your child to decide on which meals they would like each day. (Please see the menu for the autumn term attached)

School meals are free for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and for all other pupils for whom the school receives Pupil Premium. You will know if this applies to your child.

School Meals Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

The cost of school meals for this half term is £85.10 (from 2/9/21 to 22/10/21) or £2.30 per day/£11.50 per week, payable via ParentPay

This is payable via ParentPay in advance half termly or weekly, but not in arrears. If you are experiencing difficulties please come and talk to us so we can support you.

Packed lunches

Please ensure that you follow our school 'Packed lunch policy' when preparing your child's lunch. Link to our web site : <https://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/parents/dinner-time/packed-lunch-policy/>

Water bottles:

The children are encouraged to bring in a labelled water bottle every day; may I remind you please that only water is allowed. Flavoured water / juice is **not** allowed.

Uniforms

Thank you for sending the children into school this week looking so smart in their school uniforms. This term pupils will continue to wear their PE kit to school on the days when they have a PE lesson. Please ensure that they wear correct kit as detailed on our uniform policy. (Please see policy attached)

On the other days, pupils must wear their school uniform, which must be in line with school policy. The children may wear plain black trainers if they wish with their school uniform.

We have lots of spare uniform and will be happy to provide you with any items you need for free if we have them.

Could I also remind you that if your child has long hair that it needs to be tied back. Jewellery is not allowed except for a wrist watch and small plain stud earrings. Again, all details can be found in the uniform policy.

Food Bank

Please be reminded that the school's foodbank is open. If you would like to access it, please contact the school office. If you are able to donate to the foodbank, all donations will be greatly received.

Our Lady of Lourdes Chorus

After a 18 month break, the Chorus will recommence rehearsals on Monday 13th September in the church from 8-00pm to 9-30pm. We hope to welcome back all our current and past members and it would be wonderful to meet new singers as well. We set no criteria about singing standards or ability to read music, just an enthusiasm to enjoy singing.

For the time being we will still have to follow guidelines around the safe use of church premises and we will keep hand sanitising, socially distancing when singing and masks or visors will need to be worn. Whilst this is not ideal for a choir, it does mean we can at least begin to sing together again. Our hope is to work towards a Christmas concert in early December.

Don't be shy, come along for a taster session

Thank you once again for all your support this week,

Wishing you all a happy weekend,

Claire Gillespie