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Dear Parents,

Online Applications for Free School Meals for 21.22 school year are now open.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

Eligible parents are asked to apply as soon as possible. Unfortunately, there is no alternative to online applications - **Please do not let this put you off applying for this important grant.** If you have an issue with Internet connectivity or would like any other help, contact Miss McKane who will assist you as needed. Please find accompanying this letter a help sheet provided by EA which you might also find useful.

Preparations for September 2021

As we plan for a new school year, we are very hopeful that we will continue to return to more normality next term. These plans will be subject to Covid restrictions in the light of the Delta variant - and are subject to change on medical advice.

P2 – P7 Induction Mornings

In August 2020 P7 we had an induction morning for each of our P2 – P6 pupils during the last week in August. Our teachers found this very useful and we are therefore arranging an induction morning for all our P2 – P7 classes with their new teachers from **9:00 – 12:00 noon on Tuesday 31st August**. School meals and buses are not available until 1st September.

We will continue our 'trickle Start' at the beginning of term and aim to work with the following staggered finishing times on 31st

August:	P2	12:00	P3	12:05	P4	12:10
	P4/5	12:15	P5/6	12:20	P6	12:25
	P7	12:30pm				

Guidance relating to finishing times for the Autumn term will be given when the children return in August when we have a better idea how things have developed over the holidays and in line with public health advice. At this stage we are however hopeful that we can return to our normal 1:50 & 3:00pm finishing time.

2- 3 Club and Morning/ Breakfast Provision

In September it is planned that, with the end to staggered finishing, we can reintroduce our 2- 3pm club for children who may have older brothers and sisters staying until 3pm, for whom it is more convenient to stay.

It is also planned to trial the introduction of **Breakfast / Morning Club** providing some cereal / toast and supervision from 8:00am daily. Both these programmes, while partly funded through Extended Schools, will cost £2.00 per session and have to be booked and paid for in advance. Further information will be provided at the end of August.

As we rapidly move to the end of another school year, we reflect on a year when so much did not happen, but are so thankful that at this stage, given the impact Covid has had on society, that we are hopefully over the worst of the pandemic. Once again we thank our parents for their co-operation, encouragement and flexibility. We are disappointed that we have not been able to enjoy events in school which we previously took for granted e.g. swimming, after school activities etc. Every cloud, even one as dark as Covid, has a silver lining - it also brought additional funding including the 'Engage' Program through which we welcome Miss K Stewart to work with groups of pupils on literacy and language from October 2020. At this stage it looks like this will finish in June. Our P3 teacher Miss H Henning also finishes with us at the end of June.

As a staff we thank both Miss Stewart and Miss H Henning for all their work in Windsor Hill and wish them continued success in their teaching career. We also wish our P7 pupils well as they transfer to their new schools in September – we really do hope you have happy memories of your time with us. For a few of our P7 parents, your youngest child is leaving primary school so June 2021 marks the end to a connection with our school spanning many years – While this may bring mixed emotions, we thank you too for your support and trust your association has been a happy one.

Please feel free to contact me should you need further information regarding the content of this letter.

Yours faithfully,
I. McKane
Principal