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– WELCOME – BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Exactly one year since school closed for the first lockdown in March 2020 we are looking forward to having all our children back in school together on **Monday 22nd March** following what we trust will be our last lockdown. While it is only a week and two days to the Easter holidays, it provides an opportunity to get everyone settled back into the routine of school, have time with friends, catch-up and make preparation for our summer term. It really will be great to have everyone together again.

We are continuing with our **'Trickle Arrival'** in the morning – from **8:45am to 9:15am daily**. Please plan ahead and try to send lunches etc. with the children in the morning, rather than having to return to school. Pupils should not gather around the door before 8:45am and wait in cars until the doors open if possible. Other than those with pupils in P1, parents are asked to continue leaving children at the gate and ask that no one enters the school building without prior appointment. This is important for our track and trace obligations.

Staggered Dismissal Times – these have been slightly amended to optimism teaching time.

| Class | Time | Class | Time |
|-------|--------|-------------|--------|
| P1 | 1:45pm | P4/5 & P4LC | 2:40pm |
| P2 | 1:50pm | P5 | 2:45pm |
| P3 | 1:55pm | P6 | 2:50pm |
| | | P6/7 | 3:00pm |
| | | P7 | 3:00pm |

Arrival and Collection

Parents are asked to maintain social distance at all times outside school. Collect your children promptly and please do not gather to chat on the road outside school in accordance with public health guidance. Because the Department of Education have not lifted the 'pause' on afterschool clubs and activities, parents can collect older children with their younger siblings, if needed. Please inform class teachers in advance if possible.

School Meals

School Dinners will be available for all pupils from Monday 22nd March as normal. Free School Meals payments will stop for all pupils as meals are back to normal. Dinners cost £2.60 per day and it would be appreciated if payments are made, with the exact money if possible, each Monday morning. Please find the menu for the next two weeks accompanying this letter and is also available at: <https://www.windsorhillps.co.uk/school-dinner-menus/>

School Uniform

Wearing school uniform is a valuable way of instilling in our pupils a sense of ownership and belonging. In Windsor Hill we have always taken great encouragement from the support we have had from our parents adhering to our school uniform policy and being neat and tidy. School uniform should be worn every day, with no jewellery, especially ear rings.

Children who wish to wear the 'Summer' school uniform may do so from the beginning of the new term, weather permitting. This is not compulsory and children may continue to wear the 'traditional' uniform throughout the year. Please contact the school office if you require information regarding the summer uniform.



Easter

School will close for the Easter holidays on **Tuesday 30th March from 1:00pm.** An early dinner will be served in school but there will be no Shandon Park Bus at that time so please arrange alternative transport home as needed.



We will have a staggered finish from 1:00pm as follows: P1 1:00 pm, P2 1:10pm, P3 & P3/4 1:15pm, P4 /5 & P5 1:25pm, P6 1:30pm, P6/7 & P7 1:35pm with families leaving with their youngest sibling.

School reopens for the summer term on **Monday 12th April 2021**

COVID REMINDER

While we are encouraged and delighted that infection rates are down and vaccinations are progressing well, it is important, after coming so far, that we do not let our guard down and continue to take all advised precautions. The children will continue to wash hands regularly throughout the day and enhanced cleaning continues to be built into our daily routine. We are indebted to Sammy and his team for their continued diligence with this.

*Please do not send your children to school if they are unwell, **particularly if they have any Covid symptoms:***

- High Temperature, New / Persistent Cough, Loss of taste or smell – Stay at home, isolate and book a test.
<https://covid-19.hscni.net/testing>
- Inform school immediately and advise us of the result as soon as possible.
- Pupils do not return until symptoms have gone for at least 48 hours – even if the test result was negative.

Where a child has been in school it is essential that parents inform the principal by email immediately if he / she becomes unwell with Covid symptoms or is being tested, even if the result ends up being negative.

Thank you all for your continued support and co-operation. Please feel free to get in contact should you require further help or information.

Yours faithfully,
I. McKane
Principal