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Dear Parents and Carers

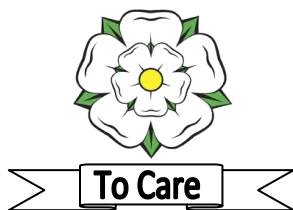
I hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable summer and have been able to make the most of some of the beautiful weather that we've been fortunate enough to have. We are really looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025** and are excited for an enjoyable and productive term.

A reminder that your child needs to be at school between 8.30am and 8.45am, ready for the start of the school day. **Please ensure that your child does *not* arrive before 8.30am.** Staff are not on duty until **8.30am** so if children are arriving before that time, it is a safeguarding concern for us. If your child arrives after **8.55am**, they will be marked as late. Please see below the structure of the school day.

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>
8:30am	<i>Member of staff on duty at the gate to welcome children to school. School opens for the children to come in and settle to an activity set up by the teacher.</i>
8:45am	<i>School day starts; children are registered and lessons begin</i>
8:55am—10:30am	<i>Lesson 1</i>
10:30am—10:45am	<i>Break</i>
10:45am—12:00pm	<i>Lesson 2</i>
12:00pm—12:50pm	<i>Lunch</i>
12:50pm—2:50pm	<i>Registration and Lessons 3 and 4 (to include a flexible 10 minute break)</i>
2:50pm—3.10pm	<i>Assembly</i>

For our parents and carers of children in Years 3 and 4, if you would like to walk your child up the path for the first few days, you are more than welcome to do so. On the first day, Mrs Metcalf, Mrs Devine and Miss Scott will meet their classes outside on the top playground and the children will be taken to their classrooms altogether. Children in Years 5 and 6 are to make their way through the front door as usual. If your child is travelling by bike or scooter, they are able to access via the green gate next to the car park and can park their bike or scooter around the back of school.

At the end of school, please be aware that school *finishes* at 3.10pm—**this is not the time that the children will be down at the gate.** Understandably, it will take the children a good few minutes to walk down the path with their classes. To ensure that the children are kept safe as they leave our site, not all the classes will come down the path at the same time and the order that they arrive at the school gate will vary day to day. Whereas we appreciate that you may need to collect children



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from different schools or have other places to be, I hope that you will appreciate that this is the fairest way for all our children, parents and carers. Please can we also ask that you are considerate with *where* you wait for your child, ensuring that you are not blocking the view of our crossing patrol. Also, please do not wait on the school drive as cars are leaving/arriving at this time. If the pavement is congested, we'd encourage you to wait across the road where there is plenty of space and you are still visible. At the end of the day, the children who are walking home or are being collected exit via the right-hand side exit (as you look towards the school). The left-hand side exit is for our pupils who are collected by bus or taxi. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a smooth and, most importantly, safe end of the school day.

In terms of school equipment, please encourage your child to **only** bring into school what they actually need. This will include: their PE kit, a coat, a named water-bottle, their planner and reading book (which will both be provided to them during the first week of term) and a packed lunch if required. Please be aware that children will be able to fill up their water bottle from any tap or water fountain in school. Mobile phones can be brought into school, **only if they are absolutely necessary**, and will be stored in the school office. A reminder that we expect **ALL** children to be dressed in full school uniform. In order to reduce the amount of lost property, please ensure that all items are clearly named.

Some of you may have noticed that the school site has been very busy over the summer holidays. Our external fence and bottom playground have now been repaired and some external painting work completed.

Apologies if you have been trying to access our school website over the past few days. We are in the process of transferring to a new web page provider and we are hoping that the new site will be live by Friday. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the relevant member of staff via the school office. We aim to respond to all queries within 24 hours but please state if the request is urgent. Please be aware that teachers are unavailable after 8.30am as they are with the children but we will respond when we are able to do so.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all your ongoing support as we embark upon a new academic year. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M De Barr
Headteacher