

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a really good Summer and enjoyed some quality time together.

The staff team have been in school Friday and today preparing to welcome children back to school tomorrow and our new EYFS children over the course of this week.

School Hours

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school hours:

8:40 a.m. Open classroom doors

8:45 a.m. – 8:55 a.m. Registration in classroom.

Uniform

As it is the start of the new school year, it is a good time to review our expectations around uniform.

These can be found by following this link: <https://gardenfields.herts.sch.uk/uniform/>

P.E.

Please also see the guidance below for when your child has a P.E. day as your child **will come into school in their P.E. kit on these days.**

NOTES:

P.E. starts tomorrow, Tuesday 5th September. All children (except Y3 and Y6 - see note below) should come to school in their **school uniform** on 5th September.

There will also be no P.E. on Monday 25th September as school photographs will be taken.

ALL Year 6 students to be in P.E. kit for the whole week commencing 18th September.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
EYFS	PE (starting 18th Sept)				
Y1				PE	
Y2				PE	PE
Y3	Lea and Ver only	PE			Thames only
Y4	PE		PE		
Y5			PE		Swimming Autumn Term - come to school in uniform
Y6		PE			PE

Curriculum Meetings

As in previous years we will be holding Curriculum Meetings for each year group over the next few weeks. These will take place at 9.00am in the Upper School Hall and should last around 45 minutes.

Please don't worry if you are unable to attend, the presentations will be added to the year group Blog. Please see below for details:

Y1 – Monday 18th September

Y2 – Friday 15th September

Y3 – Thursday 14th September

Y4 – Wednesday 13th September

Y5 – Tuesday 12th September

Y6 – Monday 11th September

EYFS - We will be holding our EYFS New Parents Meeting and PTA AGM on Wednesday 13th September from 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

Year 1 Drop off and Collection

As both Year 1 classes are now accessed from the middle playground this is where you will need to drop your children in the morning and collect them at the end of the school day.

Medication

If your child requires medication in school for a medical condition e.g asthma, EPIPEN then please ensure that this comes in with your child, in a labelled clear bag/container tomorrow and bring to the school office Children who are in Y6, who are travelling by themselves to school, should bring their medication to the school office on arrival. The usual arrangements will apply if your child becomes unwell in school. We will contact you to ask for them to be collected as soon as possible. Please ensure that all contact details are up to date. If there have been any changes over the holidays then please come to the school office to complete a new pink medication form.

Y6 Mobile Phones

For those children in Year 6 who will now be walking to and from school and who you would prefer to have a mobile phone with them in order to contact you on arrival or at the end of the school day, these need handing in to the teacher at the start of the school day. You should also provide a letter explaining that they will be bringing a phone into school together with the purpose for doing so. Children are not permitted to use the internet, take pictures and video or play games etc. on school premises.

ASPENS – school meals

Please remember to order your child's school meals on ASPENS. If you have a child in Year 3 you will now start paying for meals unless they already qualify for free school meals. If you believe your child may qualify it is easy to apply through Hertfordshire County

Council <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Parents of children in EYFS will receive their login details this week.

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow!

Kind regards,
School Office Team