

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to meet some of you via Zoom on Monday and to be able to begin to put faces to names. Before school breaks up for the summer break, we would like to take the opportunity to make you aware of a few things.

Key Dates and Times

Please be aware of the **amended start and finish times**:

	Children born between 1 st September 2015 and 31 st March 2016	Children born between 1 st April and 31 st August 2016
Monday 7 th September	8.50am – 11.30am	1.00pm – 2.55pm
Tuesday 8 th September	8.50am – 11.30am	1.00pm – 2.55pm
Wednesday 9 th September	8.50am – 11.30am	1.00pm – 2.55pm
Thursday 10 th September	All children 8.50am – 11.45am	
Friday 11 th September		

Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th September 2020	All children stay for lunch 8.50am – 1.15pm
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All children may start full time school 8.50am – 2.55pm on Monday 21 st September 2020

PE Kit

It has been decided that the children will have a set day for PE. On this day your child /children will be asked to come to school wearing their school PE kit. They will stay in their PE kit for the whole day. Please remove earrings or cover with tape. We will let you know in September which is our allocated day. We will begin our PE lessons week commencing 28th September 2020.

Story Books

Some story books that you might like to share with your child over the summer about starting school are listed below, *(Please be aware some of these books have parents inside the classroom, due to Covid19 this is not currently possible).*

- Starting School by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- Lucy and Tom Go to School by Shirley Hughes
- Pete the Cat: Rocking in my new School Shoes by Eric Litwin
- Splat the Cat by Rob Scotton
- I don't want to wash my hands by Tony Ross (Health and self-care)
- The Worrysaurus by Rachel Bright (Self-confidence and self-awareness, managing feelings and behaviour)
- While We Can't Hug by Eoin McLaughlin

Preparation for School

Over the next few weeks, talk to your child about how school is going to be a new and exciting adventure. They will make new friends and learn lots of new things and have a great time. It is a safe place for them to be.

Explain to your child that they will need to wash their hands when they first arrive at school and then at lots of other times throughout the day. Teach your child how to wash their hands properly and get them into the habits of washing their hands during the summer holiday.

Explain to them that parents are not allowed into the school building and prepare your child that they will have to walk into school without you. However it's ok because their teacher and other adults will be there to help them, to look after them and to keep them safe.

Talk to them in small chunks. Don't overwhelm them.

Be matter of fact about the whole situation and be positive. The calmer you are, the more relaxed your child will be.

Finally, if you haven't done so already, please email in a photo of your child for their peg. Thank you.

We hope you all have a great summer and we can't wait to meet you all properly in September.

Kind Regards

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