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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the New School Year

We hope you have all had a restful summer holiday and are now looking forward to the new school year. We are looking forward to welcoming your children into their new classes tomorrow.

This letter contains a couple of reminders about timings, and hopefully, will answer any questions you may have about the new term. Please read through the following information carefully, to help you and your child be ready for the morning.

Drop-off and Collection Times / Procedures

The timings for drop-off and collection remain the same, and are shown below. New Year 3 pupils should meet their class teacher on the playground, whilst Year 4,5 & 6 will go straight into class. If your child is unsure where to go, they should find a school adult who will be able to help them.

These will be as follows:

	Years 5 and 6	Years 3 and 4
Gates open for:	8.35am	8.40am
Registration	8.45am	8.50am
Collection	3.15pm	3.20pm

If you are coming to school on foot, please use the gate closer to you – either the Bean Close gate (by the path to side of the playground) or the roundabout gate (on the school side of Longsands Road). We would strongly advise you not to walk over the roundabout in the mornings, as vehicles will be driving round here for drop-off purposes.

If you have to come to school by car, you are welcome to drop off using the roundabout, but not park here – this is a free-flowing traffic arrangement. Please ensure your child /ren get out of the car on the pavement side.



Collection Arrangements

At the end of the school day, the class teachers will lead their classes out onto the playground, and parents will be able to wait in the zone of the playground by the Bean Close exit for collection. Teachers will line up their class, and then hand them over to you on the playground. The roundabout will be closed during this time, so you will not be able to park here.

Year 6 children – if you would like your child to go home independently (ie. without an adult collecting), please complete the form [here](#).

Bikes and Scooters

Children may bring their bike or scooter to school. The gates to the bike sheds will be opened at the start and end of the day. They should not ride their bike or scooter on the playground.

We expect all children to wear a cycle helmet if coming to school on a bike or scooter.

Siblings

If you have a child/ren in more than one class, they will be able to arrive at the earlier time with their sibling. This arrangement is to help parents manage the different timings.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to allow early collection of siblings at the end of the day (ie with an earlier class), as they will need to stay for their school day. However, the child's class teacher will stay with them until they are collected at the later home time. This will include children who may need to wait for their older sibling from Longsands Academy to collect them.

Equipment in School

The only things that children will need to bring into school will be:

- A filled water bottle
- A packed lunch (if not having a school dinner)
- Sun-hat
- Waterproof coat
- Their inhaler (if they need one) – **please arrange this through the school office.**
- School library book and home-school book
- PE kit

All other equipment is provided.

Mobile phones or SMART technology (including watches) are not allowed in school for safeguarding reasons.

In Year 6, if your child has a mobile phone for the purpose of walking to and from school, they will be required to hand these in for safe-keeping during the school day. This must be done on arrival at school.



School Uniform / PE Kit

Children should wear school uniform to school each day. This sets not only the tone for learning, but enables a sense of belonging which are a key part of being ready for learning. Children should **bring their PE kit to school with them each Monday**. We will then send it home on a Friday. Their PE kit will be kept in their locker.

Contact with school staff / office

Should you wish to talk to a member of staff, please email or telephone the school office. Members of staff will telephone or email you if they wish to discuss anything with you too.

Home-School Books

Your child will receive a Home-School book this week. It contains a place to store lots of useful information, achievement awards, a place for you to write any notes to the class teacher, and a record of spellings and reading at home to an adult.

We are very much looking forward to the new school year, and helping the children settle into their new classes and new routines. Thank you for all your continued support. We greatly appreciate it, and look forward to the new school year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Welch

