

Monday 1st September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow morning. We hope you had an enjoyable summer break and are ready for the start of the new school year.

The doors will open at 8.45am, and all children should be in their new classrooms ready for the register at 8.55am.

Do remind your child what their new class colour will be! They will have visited their new class before, and should know where they need to go. As always, members of the leadership and pastoral support team will be on the gate every morning, along with our very supportive team of teaching assistants, to take messages, answer any queries and welcome and support your children as they come into school. There will also be staff in the corridors to guide the children to their new classes if they need help.

Pink Class: Miss Walters will be teaching the class until Ms McClean returns from her sick leave in a few weeks' time. Miss Walters met the children at the end of last term, and is very much looking forward to seeing your children tomorrow.

Children in Year One and Year Two will finish school at 3.25pm each day.

Please make sure you have completed a new "Regular Pick-up Form" on Parentmail, to confirm any adults who are allowed to collect your child from school each day. Please complete this even if there are no changes to arrangements. Once this form is completed, if you ever have someone new collecting your child, who is not on the list, or if they are going home with another child, please email the Pastoral Team by 2.30pm to give us time to notify the teacher.

Please make sure your child **brings a rain coat to school**, and of course water bottles and book bags (no backpacks, please).

Our after-school activity clubs start next week, the week beginning 8th September, except for the Friday "Little Voices" club for Reception children.

ALL EMAILS regarding absences, appointments, pupil welfare, clubs, lunches or anything for the day to day should be sent to the Pastoral Team (Mrs Freeman and Mrs Gonzalez) on admin@gsis.barnetmail.net

PHYSICAL EDUCATION LESSONS (PE): The children should come into school wearing their PE kits, on the days they have PE lessons:

- The **Year One** classes (Yellow and Turquoise) will be having their PE Lessons on **Monday and Friday** every week.

- The **Year Two** Classes (Pink and Orange) will be having their PE lessons on **Wednesday and Friday** each week.

They can come in wearing their PE shirts and school sweatshirts with the logo on (or a cardigan/jumper), with navy blue shorts, or navy-blue jogging bottoms in the colder months. They can also wear white or black trainers.

PE bags can still be kept in school to store a change of socks/underwear, and their shorts if they do not wear them to school. They can also use their PE bags to store gloves, hats etc.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS: Before coming in to school tomorrow, please note, and talk to your child about, some important safety rules (we will also remind them about these in school tomorrow):

- Once you have said goodbye at the infant gate (near the front door), children **MUST NOT** try to come out of the gate again even if they have forgotten something. The staff on the gate, or their class teacher, will be able to help them if there is anything they need.
- Staff are on the gate every morning to welcome the children, and to keep them safe by ensuring they do not try to go out again. Please wait before passing on messages, if a member of staff is alone at the gate, so that they do not get distracted.
- Parents should not come through the gate with their child, as this can make the entrance congested and difficult to supervise.
- At the end of the day, at 3.25pm, parents should wait near the coloured rectangle for their child's class, inside the painted line. The children will stay in their class line when they come out, until the teacher sees who is picking them up and says they can go. Please remind your child that they must wait until they are dismissed, and they must say goodbye to their teacher.
- Children must **NEVER** play on the junior climbing equipment in the front playground.
- Bikes and scooters should not be ridden in the playground. Children should push them around, until they are out of the gates.

APPOINTMENTS: Please try to make medical (or other) appointments outside the school day so the children miss as little school as possible. We expect children to attend school before and/or after the appointment. Please notify the Pastoral Team of **ALL** appointments and what time you will be collecting/dropping off your child in advance so we can ensure they are either ready for collection or we can make lunch arrangements.

ABSENCE REQUESTS FOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS: Let us know if your child will be absent for any of the upcoming religious holidays by emailing the Pastoral Support team – these should be notified in advance rather than on the day.

BOOK BAGS: Please ensure that these only have one small key ring on them – they are stored during the day in the children's drawers so larger amounts of key rings/toys mean that they don't fit and can be lost or damaged. Do not bring backpacks, as they are difficult to store. We also ask that children carry their water bottles into school rather than putting them in the book bags as they tend to leak or get forgotten before going into the drawers.

ASSEMBLIES: Parents of children in Year 1 and Year 2 can come into school for some of our celebration assemblies. Assemblies start at 9.05am and we ask parents who would like to attend, to wait outside until 9am (and all the children are settled in classes) before coming through to take a seat in the hall:

- **BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY:** This is held each week on a Tuesday, and we celebrate those birthdays that fall from the previous Sunday through to the following Saturday. **The birthday assembly for this week will be on Friday, for those children whose birthday falls from 1st to 6th September this week.**
- **CERTIFICATE ASSEMBLY:** This is held each week on a Friday, if your child is due to receive a certificate you will be called on the Thursday to see if you can join us.
- **OTHER CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES:** Throughout the year we hold special assemblies for various reasons, such as religious festivals. These are advertised in the newsletter, and we will let you know if we can invite parents.

As always, please ask a member of staff if there is anything you are unsure of.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child in the coming year.

With kind regards,

Miss Sarah Sands (Headteacher)