

Dear Parent/Carers

Returning in September

As I am sure you are aware yesterday the Government published guidance for the full opening of schools from the start of the Autumn term. For all of us this is fantastic news. It will take time for all leaders to put in place all of the guidelines. This will inevitably include adjustments to 'normal' routines throughout the school day. Further details will be passed on, nearer the time. But be reassured the health and safety of our children, staff and community will be at the heart of everything we do.

Transition

As we are not able to do face-to-face and in-school transition staff have been busy preparing information etc so that key information is shared. Staff have put together a PowerPoint for their new class and a link to this will be sent to you next week.

In addition, staff have put together a 'Getting to Know Me' booklet. These will be delivered to you at some point next week. All teachers would appreciate it if your child could complete their booklet and send it back to school by Friday 17th July.

You never know you might even get to say hi to your new teacher, as they deliver these. If not you will receive a phone call from them.

Free school meal vouchers over the summer break

For those families entitled to benefit free school meal vouchers please ensure you have contacted school to give us your email address. This is required so that you can order the food vouchers you will need to support your family over the summer break.

School requires this information by Wednesday 8th July. Failure to provide will result in you not receiving the vouchers you are entitled to.

Uniform

The wearing of uniform will be a requirement when we open fully in September. Please **do not** buy your child black trainers or fabric shoes for school. Our policy is black leather/leather effect shoes.

I am aware that many of you are keen to purchase your child's new uniform for the start of the Autumn term. Please check the school website for the price list.

Uniform can then be ordered using the contact form on the school website or by ringing the school office. Cash will not be accepted as payment, you can either pay through your child's SQUID account or by contacting the school office to pay by bank transfer.



Reading Books and 100 books to read by the end of year ...

Thank you to those that have returned our reading books already.

If you have not done this yet please check for a school reading book and one of our 100 books to read by the end of year ...

We would like these books returned to us by the end of term. If you are able to drop these off at school in a carrier bag, we would really appreciate that.

Home Learning

All teaching staff continue to support our children, who are learning from home. This continues to be via our website and paper-based packs, if you requested one.

Every teacher updates their class web-pages daily with learning activities.

The paper-based packs continue the same work and should be accessed each day for two week.

The next set of paper based learning will be delivered week commencing 13th July. Please ensure you have notified school, if you require one of these.

Change of Address and/or phone numbers

A polite reminder that when you move house or change your contact details please inform school immediately.

Summer Closure

A little reminder that Birklands will close to all children at the end of the school day on Tuesday 21st July.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Stay safe and positive.

Mrs Smith (Head of School)