



## NEWSLETTER 1 Autumn Term 2020

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Goulder

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I want to thank you for your support and patience with the start and end of the school day. On paper, the logistics always look effective until you come to implement them! After a few adjustments, I feel the systems we have in place should work. The new term has been challenging on several fronts; drop and go for example is not how we normally welcome our children to school and expecting children to play well with friends after months apart was always going to need support.

In order to improve what we are doing I want to outline a few procedural points which need tweaking to ensure we are all safe and compliant with Covid-19 guidelines and the day can start as promptly as possible.

1. Gates will not open before 8:35 after which Maple and Chestnut can line up to go in at 8:40.
2. If parents are waiting to bring children in at 8:50 or 9:00, please respect social distancing measures.
3. Do not meet at the bottom of the school drive after drop off. Drop and go.
4. One adult to accompany your child to the class door if required, unless a new adult needs to be introduced to a teacher.
5. Please contact the class teacher via email as your first point of reference if you have any concerns or queries about your child. Please see previous email about protocol for communication with teachers.

### MID MORNING SNACKS

If you send a mid-morning snack, only fruit or vegetables are permitted.  
Sycamore children swimming this term may need an additional snack on this day.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE REQUESTS NOW OPEN.** Go to NCC Admissions website.

### LUNCHTIME FOOD POLICY

**A balanced packed lunch should contain:**

- Starchy foods. Bread, rice, pasta and others.
- Protein foods. Fish, eggs, beans and others.
- A dairy item. Cheese or low sugar yoghurt.
- Vegetables, salad and a portion of fruit.
- Water or a low sugar drink.

Starchy foods are a good source of energy and should make up a third of the lunch box.

### Making healthier food

It may take a while for children to get used to a healthier lunchbox. Staff will encourage them to eat and if they have any concerns they will inform parents.

**PLEASE SAVE CHOCOLATE AND CRISPS FOR OCCASIONAL TREATS.**

### OAK CLASS

Our youngest children have settled really well and coped with lunch at school this week. Next week, from Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>, Oak class will finish at 3:10pm. Please follow the same system as the mornings and collect as promptly as possible. Thank you.

### HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL ELECTIONS

Year 6 have been invited to stand for election. Each class will watch their presentation via video in class. The whole school are involved in the vote. We will inform you of the outcome in two weeks.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM** – please name all items so they can be returned to their owner.

**STAFF CAR PARK** – no parent cars permitted before 4pm for after school club use.

Please watch the weather forecast for next week, hopefully we may need sunhats and sun cream!

Have a great weekend – *Helen Goulder*