



'Together, with the love and joy of God, we will discover, develop & maximise our unique potential.'

Dear Parents,

Thursday 14th September 2023

Information Letter 2 – Autumn Term 2023

I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. The staff team are looking forward to all pupils returning to school tomorrow and getting to know our new pupils and families.

Oak Class

Mrs Bilsland is on compassionate leave this week. Mrs Crawford will be teaching Oak Class on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Mrs Thomas on Friday.

New School Roof

Following successfully applying for a DFE Conditions Improvement Fund the school roof is currently being replaced. The building work commenced during the summer break and will be completed at the end of October. The disruption will be kept to a minimum for our pupils and school will be able to operate as usual however the external school site does look a little different as we have scaffolding, a builder's compound, and Heras fencing.

Wrap Around Care

Breakfast Club will be accommodated in the school hall, with the same timings and staff. Our After School Club will be accommodated in classrooms. There will be an additional member of staff employed on a Monday and Tuesday to cater for the increasing demand for places. A weekly menu of healthy snacks and meals will be published soon once the staff have consulted with the pupils. The club will finish at the later time of 5.45pm.

Class Information

Please see the class pages on our website to read the presentations shared with parents at the meetings in July. Please note the later finish time for school of 3.30pm and the later finish time for after school club of 5.45pm. A parent permission form must be completed by parents of pupils in Year 5 who will be walking to and from school. The forms will be issued next week.

Pre-loved Uniform

Our pre-loved uniform will be on sale every morning this week for donations.

Weather

The forecast is for very warm conditions this week. Please remember sunhats and suncream.

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) – Autumn Term 2023

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is



weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated. The DfE has been helping education settings and responsible bodies (such as local authorities and multi-academy trusts) to identify and manage the potential risks of RAAC since 2018. You can find more in the Education Hub article published by DfE.

We appreciate the concern this may raise, and we will always prioritise the safety of your children and our staff.

We do not have any confirmed RAAC in our building and have not been asked to close any areas. However, we want to take care and to be sure, and are currently working with the DfE to actively check whether RAAC has been used in the construction of any part of our buildings. If RAAC is identified, we will let you know straight away, and we have contingencies in place.

Any contingency plans will prioritise the continuation of education and ensure that, if RAAC is identified, any impact on pupils is kept to an absolute minimum. As always, the safety of our pupils and staff is of paramount importance.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Dean', written in a cursive style.

Mrs J Dean
Headteacher