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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new school year. It has been lovely to see the children so settled. Well done especially to all of our new children in Reception and in other classes across the school. We are all looking forward to working with you this year. Just to remind you children at Church Street site can come in to school from 8:45 - 8:55. Children at Moor Lane (Junior site) will of course come in as usual from 8.40 – 8.50.

Curriculum maps will be sent out by the end of the week to give you information about what your child will be learning. As we are still in a COVID situation, I will not send out a terms worth of diary dates but instead will send out letters to give you plenty of warning when events are taking place. Hopefully this will be a list of events for the coming half term.

In September, the following events will take place

Friday 17th – Genes for Jeans Day – Non Uniform fundraising day for this charity which researches in to genetic conditions.

Friday 17th – Visit from our MP Paul Howell

Monday 20th – This week we will put curriculum information for each year group on Facebook and Website, i.e SATS, Homework, new reading scheme etc

Friday 24th – Macmillan coffee mornings on both sites 9:00-10:30 (restrictions permitting)

Friday 22nd October – Halloween Day- Children can come in to school in Halloween costumes/Non Uniform.

Friday 22nd October – Break up for half term. School re-opens Tuesday 2nd November.

Could you please make sure that we have correct contact information in case of an emergency for your child, especially if you have changed phone numbers since the last time you gave us details (see attached form)

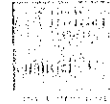
Packed Lunches

Just a reminder that your child's packed lunch does not contain a drink. Fresh water is always provided for all children at lunchtime regardless of the type of lunch they have. We do have an approved packed lunch policy which details the types of food children can bring – this is available on the website or a copy can be obtained from the school office.

End of the day

All children from Reception to Year 3 will be handed over 1 by 1 to parents/carers. The Governors and I would like to stress that all children need to be kept safe (of course) and so only if you give permission

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for your child from Year 4 – Year 6 to walk home on their own will we let them go on their own. Please complete the attached form to consent your child walking home from school alone from the Moor Lane site – this is for Years 4 and above.

Contacting School

The contact number for both sites Church Street (Infant) and Moor Lane (Junior School) is **01429 836843** – there are 4 options to choose from:

- 1 Church Street
- 2 Moor Lane
- 3 Reporting Pupil Absence
- 4 Teatime Club bookings and Pupil collection information

You can also text school on our mobile phone – this number is 07880 044653

Cash into School

We aim to operate a cashless system across both sites and use the Parent Pay system for payment of clubs and events within school. Activation letters for new Reception children will be sent out by the end of this week – for all other parents if you have misplaced this please call into the office to get a further copy.

If you do not do on-line banking, please call into the office and we can arrange a payment card for you. This will enable payment to be made in cash at local shops that offer the Pay Point service, (eg Local Co-ops).

School Lunch

The cost for a school lunch is £2.15/day (£10.75/week) for pupils attending the junior site. Please see attached Free School Meal form for you to complete if your circumstances have changed and you think you may be entitled to a Free School Meal.

All children at the Infant site will receive a Free School Meal, however, the school receive a premium for children who are eligible for a Free School Meal, please see letter attached, explaining why it is worthwhile for these forms to be completed.

Facebook

Many of you will know that there is a Facebook page for the school – if you have any problems accessing this please come into the school office and someone will help.

Accidents and Bumps in School

Most of the staff in our school are First Aiders and they deal with any bumps, cuts and grazes. In the case of head injuries, parents/carers will be informed by school via a telephone call and will receive written details of the incident so that they can monitor their child when they get home and seek further medical advice if necessary. This is school policy and does not mean that the injury is very serious but we need you to be aware in case of any after effects- obviously we cannot see into your child's head! If it is inconvenient for you to answer the phone during the day and do not want to receive such calls please advise the school office. You will still receive bump notes - the phone call is so that you are aware prior to the end of the school day or in case another adult collects your child after school.

Water in school

Every child in our school has been given their own cup to use within school. The cups have children's names on. They will stay in school and be washed and reused in school each day. Please rest assured that your child will have the opportunity to access fresh clean water at all times.

Breakfast club is available at the Infant and Junior School sites at the following times:

From 7.30am - at a cost of £1.50 per session

Children can attend Breakfast clubs whenever required and this does not need to be booked.

Teatime Club is available at the Infant and Junior School sites at the following times:

From 3pm - 4pm at a cost of £1.00

From 4pm - 5pm at an additional cost of £3.00

Therefore, the total cost from 3pm – 5.00pm will be £4.00

Bookings for Teatime Club are required at the start of the day, including the time that your child will be collected. Alternatively advise us of regular bookings and daily notification will not be necessary.

Payment for Breakfast and Tea Time clubs can be made on a daily or weekly basis, either at the start or end of the school week. However, we cannot allow the balances to carry over into the next week. If this happens we will need to speak to you. If you would prefer to pay for these clubs on a monthly basis please indicate on the Breakfast & Teatime Club Agreement.

If your child will be attending Teatime Club on a regular basis, either daily/weekly, please complete the attached form.

Health and Safety

Dogs are not allowed on school premises at all. We have children with severe allergies, as well as the risk of biting!

Please do not stand at the top of the steps at the end of the day when you collect your child. It is very difficult for staff to see you at such a distance. We realise that the new 'normal' means time is of the essence if collecting children from both sites. Please rest assured we will help and keep your child at the infant site if you need to collect from the Juniors first.

Children cannot wear earrings or jewellery in school. If your child must have their ears pierced, they will need to sit at the side of the yard during break times and not take part in PE lessons.

Obviously, smoking including use of vapes is not permitted on any Durham County Council site including our school.

PE Kits

PE days for each year group are :

Reception – Tuesday & Friday

Year 1 – Wednesday & Thursday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3 – Wednesday & Thursday

Year 4 – Monday & Tuesday

Year 5 – Thursday & Friday

Year 6 – Tuesday & Friday

Please send your child's PE kit to school on a Monday and it will be returned on a Friday for washing. This is because other opportunities may arise for PE and we do not want the children to feel upset. Our PE Kit is, blue/black shorts or joggers and a white t-shirt. We do have some spares in school if children do not have the correct kit.

Children in Year 1 and KS2 do all need trainers or plimsolls as some of their PE is outside.

Year 6

Please find attached an information letter regarding the process of applying for a Secondary School place for your child.

We have been asked to share the following information with you by Shotton Hall Academy.

Open Evening to be held on Thursday 16th September.

We are going to have a 'blended' open evening. We will have our Virtual Open Evening again, but we would like to welcome the children and parents/ carers into school this year.

This is strictly for Year 6. The time allocated for Wingate Primary School is 7.30pm people will be put into small groups and taken on a tour of the school rather than everyone wandering around. This will minimise the number of contacts and maintain safety. Adults will be asked to wear a mask.

Can you please follow us on social media as we push put lots of information through there. Our enquiries email address is: enquiries@shottonhallacademy.co.uk

Apologies for the epic first letter – there was obviously a lot of information to give to you today.

Regards



Mrs Marie-Louise Binks
Head Teacher