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Welcome to the new school year.

I am delighted to welcome everyone back to school after the summer break. I wish to say a special welcome to the new children who started this week, including all the children who have started in Nursery and Reception.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Mr Alderson who is a new teacher and will be working in Year 1.

Roof Replacement

The work on the roof replacement is continuing, therefore the school gates to the top of the yard will remain closed until further notice.

We were expecting the school kitchen to re-open next week but it looks as though it may remain closed for the next couple of weeks. We will continue to provide lunches for the children during this time but we are limited to what we can offer, therefore if anyone would like to provide a packed lunch for their child until the kitchen is fully operational again please let the school office know.

Thank you for your support

Car Parking/Dropping off children

Please be considerate of local residents and for the safety of the children crossing the road by parking in only designated areas.

Please note Lanercost is now designated as 20mph.

Pupil Attendance & Punctuality

Please remember that any pupil absence must be reported to the school office before 9.15 a.m. on the first morning of the absence. On return to school a note should be brought explaining the absence – for our records.

Lateness - already this week we have had a number of children coming into school late. Staff will be on the yard from 8.45 a.m. and the school doors will close promptly at 8.55 a.m.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Emergency Contact Information

Can all parents/carers ensure that the school has emergency contact information for your child. As mobile telephone numbers often change frequently please remember to change the details with the office staff. I cannot stress enough the importance of this procedure because if your child becomes ill or has an accident and we cannot get hold of anyone it often distresses the child further.

P.E.

Physical Exercise is a compulsory lesson in school and this includes swimming lessons. Children need to have a P.E. kit in school for every lesson. At present Y4 will be swimming on a Friday afternoon.



It is a good idea to have a named P.E. kit in a named bag that is brought to school at the beginning of the half term and left hanging in the cloakroom until the end of the half term when it can be taken home to be washed.

Children must bring a P.E. kit of white T-shirt and black shorts and plimsolls or trainers to change into.

School Diary Dates

A school holiday list is attached for your information. Inset days for 2018/19 are marked with a circle; please make a note in your diary



School Meals/Nursery Fees

Payment for dinners should be made on Monday mornings by cash or cheque. You are cordially reminded that no change is given for school dinners which means any overpayment will be credited the following week. If you wish to pay by cheque you must first register your cheque guarantee card with Mrs Forster at the school office.

Reception—Year 2

As you are aware through the Government Scheme children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to free school meals. Could parent/carers please advise the school office if you wish to change your child to packed lunches to prevent the ordering of unwanted meals.

Internet Payments

Please remember you can pay for school dinners and childcare fees online through the City of Sunderland website.

I am sure you will appreciate that this system will save parents/carers from carrying large sums of money around and it means you can pay fees in the comfort of your own home.

Please follow the instructions below:

www.sunderland.gov.uk

Click on the £ Pay for it tab in the green box to the right of the screen

Select Schools Miscellaneous Income

Select Wessington Primary School

Select either School Meals/Daycare.

Please fill in all the details of the payment you wish to make and just follow the screens. Once you have authorised the payment a confirmation email will be sent to us and we will update your account asap. Please contact Mrs Sykes in school if anyone has any queries regarding this.

Please note this method can also be used to pay any nursery/daycare fees, i.e. Lunchtime care and lunch, please select