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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to a New School Year!

It has been a wonderful start to our new school year! It was lovely to welcome back our existing families and to meet our new families who have joined our school community.

We hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting year ahead. We are really looking forward to the many wonderful opportunities, events, and learning experiences that this year will bring.

Below, you will find some important information. By sharing this with you, we hope to help all children settle quickly into the routines and procedures we have in place, ensuring a smooth and happy start to the year.

School drop off and pick up procedures

Our school gates open at 8:45am for children. From this time, teachers will be in their classrooms ready to welcome children into school.

All children are expected to arrive by 9:00am. After this time, the playground gates will be closed to secure the school site. Any child arriving after 9:00am should be brought to the Main School Office, where parents/carers will be asked to sign them in so they can be registered as present.

At the end of the school day, the main gate (leading to the school office) will open at 3:20pm, and the playground gates will open at 3:25pm. These timings are in place to ensure the safety of our children. *(Please note that this is slightly later than last year)*

We understand that these areas can become busy at pick-up time, and we kindly ask for your patience and cooperation as we work together to keep everyone safe. The safety of our children is our top priority.

School Uniform reminder

It is important that your child comes to school in the correct school uniform. We want all children to wear their uniform with pride and to feel a strong sense of belonging to our school community.

A full uniform list can be found here:

UNIFORM LIST:

Royal Blue Sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan with St. Ann's crest

Pale blue polo t-shirt

Grey skirt / grey pinafore / grey trousers / grey short (not baggy or combat style)

Plain grey tights or grey socks

Plain black patent or leather type shoe with lace, buckle or Velcro fastening (no slip-on shoes or heels)

Boots – plain, sensible, black boots (no tassels, pom-poms etc)

Royal blue School fleeces with St. Ann's Crest are allowed to be worn outside the classroom.

Hair accessories – plain, simple, and discreet – royal blue / white / black

Head scarves, for religious reasons, blue or black.

Long hair tied back.

Earrings- small simple studs

PE kits – to be worn to school on the designated PE day (Not Nursery).

Royal blue round neck t-shirt with St. Ann's crest.

Plain black leggings / jogging bottoms /black shorts.

Socks – white or grey.

Royal blue hoodie with St. Ann's crest_(not compulsory)

Plain black or white PE trainers – no astros or football boots.

If your family is struggling to obtain uniform items or if you have any questions regarding the uniform, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. We will do our very best to support you.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain high standards and a shared sense of community.

PE days

Please see below the timetable for PE. It is important that your child wears their correct school PE kit on their allocated day.

Promoting Healthy Lifestyles & Nut Free Policy

As part of our commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles, we ask for your support in providing healthy snacks for your child to enjoy at school.

Children from Nursery to Year 2 are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable each day during their morning break. Any additional snacks brought from home should be in line with healthy eating guidelines.

Children in Years 3 to 6 are also welcome to bring a healthy snack for their morning break.

Please note that St. Ann's Primary School is a ***nut-free school***. It is essential that no foods containing nuts are brought into school, as we have a number of children with severe allergies. We kindly ask that you check ingredient labels carefully, as nuts can often be found in foods where you might not expect them.

All staff are aware of this policy, and any food found to contain nuts will be removed immediately to ensure the safety of our pupils.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us keep our school safe and healthy.

Attendance Punctuality

Please take note of our school's Attendance Policy, which can be found on the school website.

We are legally required to follow the guidelines set out by the government regarding school attendance. Our aim is to support you in ensuring that your child attends school every day, as regular attendance is vital for their learning and progress.

We kindly ask for your cooperation and support in this matter.

Further information regarding attendance will be sent out separately.

Thank you for working with us to promote excellent attendance.

Bikes/Scooters

It is always lovely to see children and their parents cycling or scootering to school. We are very fortunate to have a large number of spaces available to store bikes and scooters safely during the school day.

We strongly encourage all bikes and scooters to be locked securely in the shelters, as the school cannot take responsibility for any items that are lost or damaged. Please note the bike store is locked until the end of the school day.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep belongings safe.

Afterschool Club and Breakfast Club

Breakfast and Afterschool club is up and running! Please see timings below.

Breakfast Club - Children are to be dropped off between 7.45am and 8.30am at the Main School Office where a member of staff will be present.

Afterschool Club - 3.30pm up to 5.30pm. Parents are to come to the Main school office when collecting their child.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Sports Clubs

On Monday 9th September the sports clubs will begin. These will be run by Mr Wellington and can be booked via www.peandsportshub.co.uk. The following clubs will be taking place:

Monday	Multiskills	Years 1, 2, 3
Tuesday	Football	Years 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday	Football	Years 1, 2 & 3
Thursday	Multisports	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Friday	Dodgeball	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

The clubs finish at 4.30pm and children will be brought to the Main School Office for you to collect them.

Medical Information and Medication in School

It is important that we have the most up-to-date information regarding your child's medical needs.

Mrs Millard is currently contacting families of children who have specific medical needs and may require additional support in school.

If there are any changes to your child's medical needs, or if you have new information that we should be aware of, please speak to the Main School Office as soon as possible.

Additionally, children who require an inhaler or EpiPen must have one available in school. These should be clearly labelled and handed to the School Office, who will ensure they are passed on to the class teacher.

Thank you for your support in keeping all children safe and well cared for in school.

Mrs S. Whittaker

Headteacher (Acting)