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WELCOME BACK TO AN EXCITING NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all looking forward to welcoming the children back into school tomorrow for the start of a new school year. Whether your child is going into their final year or they are beginning their school journey with us, we welcome you all and are excited about what this year will bring.

Your child will spend the day tomorrow with their class learning about their new year group, what has changed from last year and what will be staying the same.

The key points we wanted all parents to be aware of are:

- Drop off and pick up timings and arrangements: details can be found on page 2 of this letter. In many ways it is similar to the end of summer term, however if you are unsure, there will be lots of staff around at the beginning and end of the day (so do ask) and we now have a new path to take children and Y1 & 2 parents to the Ark.
- In line with the change in government guidance, we no longer expect parents to wear a face covering on the playground, however, if you feel more comfortable to continue wearing one then please do. Please respect physical distancing when talking to staff – we may ask for face coverings to be worn if meeting with staff indoors.
- The regulations around test and trace and self-isolation from COVID close contacts has changed over the summer break, so please take the time to read the information, which can be found via the link below: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-removed-for-double-jabbed-close-contacts-from-16-august>
- Further information will be shared in the weekly parent bulletins.

Once again, we can't wait for the term to start and have the chance to be back together and back in the school hall for assemblies together whilst ensuring that the effective COVID prevention measures that we have become accustomed to using continue to keep staff, parents and children safe.

Kind regards

Mr A. Lincoln
Acting Headteacher

Page 2 – Drop off and pick up arrangements

Drop Off and Pick Up Times - Children should be dropped off/picked up as indicated below:

Class / Group	Drop off time	Pick up time	Further information
Octopus Breakfast Club	Between 8.00 & 8.20 am only	n/a	Drop off via Rainbow Room door at rear of staff carpark. Parents and carer should not use the staff car park. See notes above.
Little Fishes	9.00-9.10am or 11.45-50am	11.45am or 3.00pm	For drop off , parents and carers to enter via main pedestrian gate, leave scooters/bikes in bike shelter and follow 'LF' arrows to the little wooden gate. Please note that it is not possible to get into the bike shed at lunchtime. Pick up will be at the Spotty external door.
Reception A-K	8.40am	2.55pm	For drop off , parents and carers to enter via main pedestrian gate, leave scooters/bikes in bike shelter and follow 'YR' arrows, through little wooden gate, drop off children, go through far wooden gate and follow arrows / one-way system to exit school via the side gate near the foyer entrance. (Staff will show you!) Pick up will be the same as above.
Reception L-Z	8.45am	3.00pm	
Years 1	8.45am	3.00pm	For drop off , parents and carers to enter via main pedestrian gate, leave scooters/bikes in bike shelter and follow '1/2' arrows along the 'new path' to external classroom doors, drop off children and then follow arrows / one-way system to exit the school via the side gate near the foyer entrance. (Staff will show you!) Pick up will be the same as above.
Years 2	8.50am	3.05pm	
Year 3	8.45am	3.05pm	For drop off , parents and carers to enter via main pedestrian gate, leave scooters/bikes in bike shelter and children to follow '3/4' arrows along the 'new path', then around the 'Castle & Adventure Trail' to external west door of Ark (by Fir Tree Playground). Parents to exit in opposite direction to entrance path. At pick up , the class teacher will bring the children to their meeting point. The meeting/pick up points are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seals: By plastic tube • Sea Lions: By orange fencing/edge of Cherry Tree playground • Sea Otters: By back of bike shed • Seahorse: By blue basketball post
Year 4	8.50am	3.10pm	
Year 5	8.45am	3.10pm	For drop off , parents & carers to enter via main pedestrian gate, leave scooters/bikes in bike shelter and follow 'Y5' arrows to external door of Main Hall, drop off children and then follow arrows / one-way system to exit school. At pick up , the class teacher will bring the first two groups (A-H and I-O) on to Cherry Tree Playground outside the Main Hall. The TA will then bring the third group (P-Z) along a few minutes later.
Year 6 Coral	8.45am	3.15pm	Parents and carers to leave children at main gates (unless they come on their own!) Year 6 to enter via the car park and walk bikes/scooters past the Rainbow Room and then via the back wooden gate. At home time they should either have permission to go home on their own or be met at the main school gate.
Year 6 Oyster	8.50am	3.20pm	
Starfish After School Club	n/a	4.00-5.30 pm only*	Parents and carers should walk through car park and pick up children from the rear external Rainbow Room door. Parents and carers should not drive into the staff car park. *Except Fridays when there is no club.