

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your families are safe and well and are all looking forward to the new school year on **Monday 7th September**. It is compulsory for all children to return therefore it is very important that we all do so **safely**. We have many additional cleaning and safety measures in place to keep us all as safe as possible.

Attendance is **compulsory** therefore please ensure your children are at school, on time, every day. If your child is unwell, contact the School Office to report your child's absence in advance or as early as possible. We can also advise you if your child, or any member of your family, are displaying Covid-19 symptoms or have been asked to self isolate.

Children will be expected to wear **full uniform** and wear their P.E. Kit to school on the day of the week specified by their class teacher.

On arrival they will be asked to remove any face coverings and give them to their parents/carers for safe keeping as they are not permitted in school.

We, and the Government, encourage all children, where possible, to **walk, ride or scoot to school** to minimise the use of public transport.

To minimise the number of people on and around Barham grounds, we encourage pupils in Years 5 and 6 to make their way to and from school unaccompanied, with written permission, and older siblings to escort their younger siblings to class, where possible. Children in Years 3, 2, 1 and Reception will arrive at 8.45 a.m. and leave at 3.15p.m. Children in Years 6, 5 and 4 will arrive by 9 a.m. to allow a staggered start, and leave at 3.30p.m.

Year Group	Start time	Finish time	Drop off point	Dismissal collection point
Nursery AM	8.45am	11.45pm	Nursery gate	Nursery gate & classroom
Nursery PM	12.30pm	3.30pm	Nursery gate	Nursery gate & classroom
Reception	8.45am	3.15pm	Main entrance	Reception classrooms
Year 1	8.45am	3.15pm	Main entrance (KS1 playground)	Year 1 classrooms
Year 2	8.45am	3.15pm	Main entrance	Year 2 classrooms
Year 3	8.45am	3.15pm	Main entrance (Muga)	Muga
Year 4	9am	3.30pm	Main entrance	Lower KS2 playground
Year 5	9am	3.30pm	Main entrance (Lower KS2 playground)	Lower KS2 playground
Year 6	9am	3.30pm	Main entrance (Year 6 entry)	Year 6 exit

Hot School Meals resume in the Dining Hall, safely and in class 'bubbles' or groups. You will receive a separate communication regarding dinner money, menus, Universal Free School

meals for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2, and eligibility for Free School Meals, from Mrs Patel.

We would also advise children in Years 3-6 to bring a piece of fruit or a cereal bar to eat mid morning as staggered lunchtimes may mean your child eats a little later than usual.

Children should bring a **labelled, full, water bottle**, which can be refilled at school, as the water fountains are out of use for safety reasons.

At the moment there are **no educational visits, swimming lessons, or after school clubs** planned and we will inform you when they have resumed.

Covid-19 and the subsequent lockdown has been difficult for many families both emotionally and financially. Please let us know if there anything we can do to support you, our children or the community during this time of recovery. Our **curriculum** will address the wellbeing of our school community as well as assessing where children are academically to catch up and close any gaps in their learning. We are relying on you as parents to work collaboratively with us and have always appreciated your continued support.

It has been my pleasure to serve our community for that last 17 years and I continue to have an open door policy, so please contact me on the school telephone number or visit and I, or one of our Associate Headteachers, will be happy to help you.

We will continue to **Embed Excellence** in this **Safe, Happy and Learning** Environment.

Kind regards,
Karen Giles
Headteacher