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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year (hopefully a more settled one!), and for those new to Greenleas an extra special welcome! We hope you settle in quickly and soon feel part of our school family.

As we come to the end of our first full week back it has been wonderful to see our children rising well to the expectations of a new year group and the learning challenges set, a powerful reminder of the importance of education on academic, social and emotional development. A special well done has to go out to all our new Foundation 2 children. This week they have made a superb start to school life and have really settled in well to their new routines and learning. We are so proud of them all!

The start of a new school year enables us to set the tone for learning and behaviour in school. It is an important time for teachers and children to establish relationships, classroom and COVID routines and to set expectations of behaviour and working well together. Thank you for sending your children to school looking so smart in their school uniform (including PE kit) and ready to learn, it is much appreciated. Please continue to help us by supporting our Home/School Agreement.

Communication

This week, each department has sent out a curriculum newsletter informing you of important dates, key expectations and curriculum provision for this term. We hope you find it useful. Further curriculum information can be found on the website.

As a reminder, PE times are as follows:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PEACOCK Y1/2 GOLDFINCH Y4 TOUCAN Y5/6	HAWK Y3/4 WOODPECKER Y6		DUCKLINGS F2 CUCKOO Y2	PENGUINS F2 SWAN Y1 WREN Y3 MAPGPIE Y5

Children are to come to school wearing their PE kits on their PE day. The expectation is plain, black jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts, a white t-shirt and school green sweatshirt/hoodie. No football kits or fashionwear should be worn for PE.

As always, we are here to answer any questions you may have and to make the start of the school year as smooth as possible. Class teachers are normally available to discuss individual children at the end of the school day. Concerns or queries can also be discussed with the Band Leaders - Miss Hughes for F2, Mrs Higgerson for KS1, Miss Russell for Y3/4 and Miss Wood for Y5/6. Please contact Mrs Hughes in the School Office if you need to make an appointment to discuss any concerns about your child.

Routines

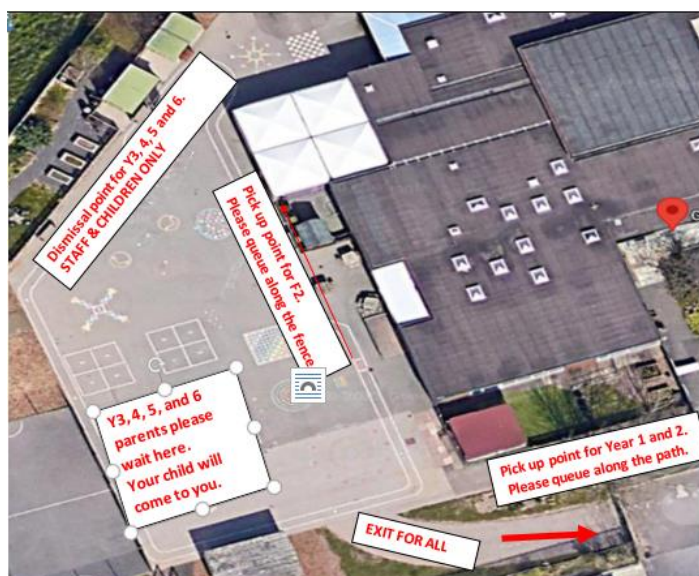
I really appreciate you all taking on board our procedures to ensure a safe drop off and pick up for all. The soft opening is proving to be successful. Thank you for arriving between 8:45am and 8:55am. **The official start to the school day is 8:55am. Any child arriving after this time will be late.** If the gates are closed you will need to call the School Office for access.

Children in F2, Y1 and Y2 to use the main pedestrian gate.

Children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 to use the main driveway gates.

Pick up is more challenging as this is when we have the largest gathering on site, children and adults. As mentioned previously, in order for it to work safely for all, it does rely on cooperation and understanding. The gates to the playground will open at 3:10pm (please avoid queuing before this time). Children will be dismissed from their classes at 3:15pm. We have changed the location for Y3, 4, 5 and 6 to ensure children and staff have a designated area to dismiss from. Y3 and Y4 children will line up by the first basketball post and Y5 and Y6 by the second. We request that all adults picking up children in Y3-6 stand no closer than the 'Four Squares'. See plan below. Hopefully, this will reduce congestion and support the safe dismissal of all children.

It is essential that this time is not used for socialising. Adults must leave the site with their children as soon as they have collected them. Thank you



Parking

Thank you for your co-operation to support the safety of everyone at drop off and pick up. Our signs seem to be continuing to help the majority of drivers reflect on their actions and parking choices. Residents have also commented positively on the improvements, though we have had a frustrated resident this week who has complained about inconsiderate parking across their driveway. We will continue with our efforts to reduce this further. We have a collective responsibility to keep everyone safe. Thank you for playing your part and parking away from the Close.

Key Dates

Please check the school website calendar for any updates.

September 2021	
01.09.21	SDD 1 Teachers
02.09.21	SDD 2 –all staff
03.09.21	Y1-6 children return Transition sessions for new F2
w/c 06.09.21	Staggered start for F2 – mornings only
w/c 13.09.21	F2 full time
18.09.21	Upton Hall Entrance Exam
20.09.21	11+ Test at Grammar Schools TBC
21/24.09.21	Y5/6 ICT enrichment
30/1.10.21	Y1/2 ICT Impact enrichment

October 2021	
01.10.21	St Anselm's Entrance Exam
08.10.21	Whole School Harvest Assembly (children) Food donations on the day for Wirral Foodbank
07.10.21	Census Day
11.10.21	Individual Photographs
w/c 11.10.21	Parents' Meetings
14/15.10.21	Y3/4 ICT Enrichment
22.10.21	Break up for Half term Non uniform day – fundraiser for Wallasey Village Christmas Lights
November 2021	
01.11.21	SDD3 – School Closed
02.11.21	Children return
09.11.21	Whole School Flu Immunisation
12.11.21	CIN Day
w/c 15 and 22nd	Y5/6 Swimming Guinea Gap
w/c 15.11.21	Anti-Bullying Week
18.11.21	Prospective New Parents Open Day 4pm TBC
w/c 22.11.21	POOC Assemblies
23.11.21	Prospective New Parents Open Day 9:30am TBC
25.11.21	F2 ICT Enrichment
December 2021	
16.12.21	End of Term
January 2022	
04.01.22	SDD 4
05.01.22	Children return
20.01.22	Spring Census
25.01.22	Flu immunisation catch up session.
February 2022	
18.02.22	Break up for half term
28.02.22	Term Begins for all
March 2022	
w/c 14.03.21	Parents' Evening
23.03.22	5pm FGB Meeting
April 2022	
08.04.22	End of Spring Term
25.04.22	Summer Term begins for all
May 2022	
During May	Y2 SATs
05.05.22	SDD 5 School used as a Polling Station
w/c 9.05.22	Y6 SATs
23.05.22	Class Photographs
27.05.22	Half Term
June 2022	
06.06.22	Term Begins
w/c 6.6.22	Y1 Phonics Screening check Y4 times tables check (3 week period)
July 2022	
21.07.22	End of term

Finally, I would like to thank you in advance for working with us to ensure the best for your child. The Greenleas team and I look forward to a happy and successful year of learning, where we celebrate and be proud of all our children.

Warmest wishes

Mrs Sharon Edwards
Headteacher