

Friday 2nd September 2022

Re: Welcome back arrangements (Y1-6)

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have enjoyed a lovely summer break and that your child is looking forward to returning to school on Monday 5th September. Normal practice resumes at Tetherdown and we hope this will support you and your family as we begin a new academic year.

School gates will open at 8.30am and you should stay to supervise your child until the bell goes at 8.50am. 8.50am is the start of the school day and children will be escorted in to school by their class teacher. Children should line up as follows along the guttering on the playground:

Year 1: A and B

Year 2: P and Q

Year 3: J and K

Year 4: M and N

Year 5: D and E

Year 6: G and H

(Letter A is nearest the school building and letter Q is nearest the climbing frame.)

The school day ends at the following times and children can be picked up from the main playground from the letters above:

Infants: 3.20pm

Juniors: 3.30pm

We plan to reintroduce our **family picnic** which will take place on Friday 9th September (weather dependent). All classes (Y1 to Y6) will take a packed lunch to the field, escorted by teachers and teaching support staff. Please provide your child with a packed lunch on this day. They should be prepared for outdoor eating and may require a sunhat, sunscreen and their water bottle. Adults are very welcome to bring a picnic blanket and their own packed lunch, too. Please do not bring alcoholic refreshments.

Infants (Y1 & 2) arrive at the field: 12.15 Leave at: 1.00pm

Juniors (Y3 – 6) arrive at the field: 12.20 Leave at: 1.15pm

In the past this has been a lovely opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher over an informal lunch. As they say, it's nice to put a name to a face, and you will get to know a little about how the children are settling in. It's fine to ask quick, general questions, but if you require a more personal conversation, then this should be arranged separately. All children will return to school for the remainder of the afternoon.

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We would also like to invite you to our normal “Meet n Greet”, a more formal setting where your child’s class teacher will share specific information about what your child can expect in their new class and our expectations for the year. Both classes in a year group will meet on the same day in one of the classrooms and the children will be supervised by staff in the hall during this time:

Year 3	Monday 12 th September 8.50 – 9.15am
Year 6	Tuesday 13 th September 8.50 – 9.15am
Year 1	Wednesday 14 th September 8.50 – 9.15am
Year 4	Wednesday 14 th September 2.50 – 3.15pm
Year 5	Thursday 15 th September 8.50 – 9.15am
Year 2	Friday 16 th September 8.50 – 9.15am

Teachers will be sharing information via PowerPoint so if you are unable to attend you can access these from the school website once they have been published. All meetings will be held face to face only.

We are really looking forward to working with you and I wish you all a great start to the new year. Should you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher for information (e.g. Mrs Etan – getan@tetherdownschool.org).

Yours sincerely



Tony Woodward
Headteacher

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