

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

**Re: Start of the 2021/22 school year**

Dear parents/carers.

We are so excited to welcome all our children from FS2 to Year 6 back to school from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The government guidance to schools has now changed and we are no longer required to operate in bubbles and can return to much more of a pre-covid way of working.

While the requirement to socially distance and the use of face coverings has now been lifted, we ask all parents and carers to be considerate of one another, to keep moving and to avoid congestion where possible. This includes the school office where we ask parents and carers to be patient and avoid crowding please.

**Start and end of the school day**

*Please do not allow your children to play on the playground equipment before or after school.*

We will return to our usual 'soft start' each morning. Gates will open at 8.40am and children can come into school from 8.45am. They should all be in class for their register by 9am. The gates will close at 9.05am and any latecomers will need to come through the main school office. No children should come into school before these times.

We ask that older children come into school on their own where possible and request that Year 6 parents and carers do not enter the site. Parents and carers of younger children are asked not to hang around too much and to leave the site swiftly. For the first week, Year 3 teachers will be in the playground to meet and

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greet children and parents and staff in classes from FS1 to Year 2 will be at their fences ready to greet you all. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 should make their own way up to class.

School will finish at 3.10pm for all year groups up to Year 5. Year 6 teachers will bring the children out to the front at 3.15pm and dismiss from the front gate. If your child is allowed to walk home alone, please inform the school either with an email or a letter to the class teacher. Once again, we ask that all parents and carers leave the site quickly.

### Uniform

Children should return in full school uniform as set out on the website and school information. We will be reintroducing PE kits and asking children to bring in their PE kit each Monday and leave it in school until Friday. PE kits are white t-shirts with black or dark shorts or joggers and trainers. We have new branded PE t-shirts available from the School Office for £5 if you would like to purchase one.





## School Lunches

All children in FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school hot lunch paid for by the government. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to have a hot meal from September.

## After-school clubs

There is a breakfast club and an after-school club available daily from Monday to Friday at the Middle Park Community Centre. Please contact them directly if you would like to book a place for your child. We will not be running after-school clubs in school just yet.

Next week you will receive a newsletter from your child's class teacher giving further detail of arrangements for the autumn term. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to make contact either by telephone to the school office, email ([admin@middlepark.co.uk](mailto:admin@middlepark.co.uk) or [support@middlepark.co.uk](mailto:support@middlepark.co.uk)) or catch one of the senior leaders who will be out in the playground and by the front gate each morning.

Wishing all our families a really enjoyable and successful academic year. We look forward to working with you !

Kind regards,

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