



The Collegiate Trust
Exceptional Education for All

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Dear Families,

I would like to send a personal thank you to all of you for your support in re-opening Waterfield Primary School. It has been wonderful to finally see the classrooms filled with learning and smiling faces once more.

As ever, this year, our continued aim is to work with you to deliver 'Exceptional Education for All', through our ambition of 'Aiming High and Achieving Our Best'.

I would like to send a warm welcome to all our new families joining us in Early Years and across all Year Groups. I know you will all make everyone feel very welcome and secure in our close-knit community.

As we move forward, I feel it is important to draw your attention to the letter sent from our CEO in which he outlined the response we take to suspected cases of COVID-19. The inevitability of pupils requiring tests will - over the coming months, be certain. To confirm again: the individual child proceeds for testing and the Bubble is informed via a letter sent by Ping. Whilst we await the test results the rest of the bubble continue as normal and remain vigilant for symptoms. Many schools in our local area have begun sending out these letters and I wanted to reassure you there is nothing to panic about in receiving this notification. Once the test results are received (and school is informed) the Bubble are themselves again informed and advised if we require any further action. Please see our Website for all past letters and information regarding the 'September Return'.

In this current letter I will now outline some important notices from Week One.

Important Actions/Notices:

- **Please do install Ping and follow school on Twitter @Waterfield_TCT** – this is how you will receive the most UpToDate information and news on all the exciting learning that goes on in and around our school.
- **PE Kits** – Next week we will send a formal notice to you all, so you know which days the children should wear PE kit to school. Please do not worry in the meantime if kits are worn on the wrong days many of our teachers have just been conducting mini-lessons to get the children used to PE under the new guidelines.
- **Water Bottles** – **Please NAME water bottles** as we are unable to share cups and bottles. We are also already getting a lot of left uniform which is sadly not named! *Sharpies* at the ready!

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- **Reading Books and Home Learning** – Reading Books will slowly begin to be sent home in some year groups (these will be quarantined on return and will be lent out for a period of time that will allow you to quarantine these within your home should you wish when they arrive). This will be a slow process, however, we hope that over the coming weeks all children will begin to access learning resources and reading books at home. As always this will be supported by our wonderful Online Platforms like Oxford Reading Buddy etc.
- Gentle reminder children are **not able to bring things in from home** – this includes pencil cases, toys and other items. Children do not require rucksacks however we are encouraging book bags as we can store these easily in trays and lockers. I would also like to reassure you we make NO profit from the book bags and pass these onto you at cost.
- **Snack Boxes** – If children are bringing in fruity snacks from home – **PLEASE LABEL the box with their name and the fact this is a SNACK**. This has been particularly important for KS1, where sometimes staff may have thought the ‘snack’ was actually a lunch!
- **Breakfast Club** is up and running to book please use **PARENT PAY** – sessions must be pre-booked.
- **After School Clubs** – After School Clubs including Energy Kidz are all busy working behind the scenes to get up and running as soon as possible. As we have dates and sign up options, we will let you know. *Energy Kidz are confident to launch in the Hall from the 21st of September!*
- **Last Year’s School Report** – the final written reports that were not collected from school will be sent out by Wednesday 16th. Most families have received these if they attended the Transition sessions or collected them during the summer, however the few we have left will be distributed shortly.

Finally, and most importantly please remember we are A NUT FREE SCHOOL – children must NOT bring items containing nuts in their lunchboxes/snack boxes. This is extremely important as we have children who may be allergic to nuts and nut traces.

To conclude, our first week at school ALL parents/carers of children in Years 1-6 will be receiving (or may have already received) a personal phone call from their Class Teacher. This will be a short welfare call – to allow teachers to introduce themselves and to update you with how the children’s first week or so has been going within school. Please expect to receive your call by Wednesday 16th September (**if not before**). Please remember, these calls are a quick ‘hello’ and introduction. Should you have any in-depth queries, further appointments can be made through the office to speak to teachers, Assistant Principals or the Inclusion Team if required.

Once again thank you for your help, support and flexibility in getting our school functioning in this ever-changing unknown climate. The children have been wonderful at handwashing, hygiene practice and helping us all to keep as safe as possible.

I am sure with us all demonstrating our values of Kindness, Respect and a Hardworking Attitude, Waterfield will continue to go from strength to strength.

Kind regards,



Dr Hope
Principal

Please see the final page for some updates on Drop Off and Pick Ups.

Pick Up and Drop Offs

With a few adjustments here and there pick up and drop offs have been a success.

In order to continue this can we please ask:

- **Year One and Two Parents** please arrive as close to 8:45am as possible – unless you are dropping off children at Early Years please do not arrive too early. This is the same for Pick Up - please arrive as close to your designated time as possible to avoid long queues and danger on the roads.
- Year 4 parents please remember your new pick up time of 3pm.
- Queuing – PLEASE, **PLEASE** try to remain socially distant and follow our directions for queuing safely on pavements. This is particularly important on Hawkesmoor Road, where Years 1 & 2 should queue to the right around the houses and Year 6 and Early Years should queue to the Left and down the side alley by Early Years.
- **Quick pick ups are essential** – please **do not stay on the playground to catch up socially** and **if possible only ONE adult should be picking up children. Please try to be swift to avoid congestion and crowds forming.**
- Year 6 Parents – you may wish to arrange to meet your child on Hawkesmoor Road! We feel the children are more than old enough and sensible enough to leave through the Hawkesmoor Road gate and meet you just outside school (on the pavement away from the queue areas). This is something you may wish to consider and arrange with your child. As a reminder, children in Year 6 (and after discussion Year 5) may walk home on their own – you just need to let the Office know. Similarly, if you like the idea above and are going to meet just outside the school gate do just pop a note in their bag or let the office know so teachers are confident where the children are going.
- **Driving – Thank you for not parking on Hawkesmoor Road** – this is making a huge difference to our relationships with residents. For those of you who have to drive, please park a little way away from school and walk to the gates. When driving may we also remind you there are a lot of children walking around the school site so **PLEASE SLOW DOWN! WINTER IS COMING VISIBILITY WILL BE LOST AND WE DO NOT WANT ANY ACCIDENTS!**

**PLEASE NOTE FROM MONDAY EARLY YEARS WILL START TO BE IN SESSION
THIS MEANS THE MAIN SCHOOL GATES WILL BECOME BUSIER –
THEREFORE PLEASE ARRIVE WITHIN A SHORT TIME OF YOUR DROP-
OFF/PICK UP TIME TO AVOID LONG QUEUES AND CONGESTION.**

PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE TOO EARLY.

Drop Off Times & Locations



Morning and End of Day timetable 2020-21

Times	Main Gate – Hawkesmoor Road	Studio Gate & Hall
8:30am	Nursery Reception Year 6 – Reminder Year 6 please be on time at 8:30am	Year 3 Studio Gate Year 4 Studio Gate
8:45am	Year 1 Year 2 Please do not arrive earlier than this time where possible	Year 5 Studio Gate Please do not arrive earlier than this time where possible
END OF DAY		
3pm – Please arrive 2.50pm	Nursery Reception	
3:00pm – NEW YEAR 4		Year 4 – STUDIO GATE NOTE CHANGE TO REDUCE CONGESTION
3:10pm	Year 1 Year 2	<u>Year 3 HALL DOORS</u>
3:15pm	Year 6	Year 5 - Studio Gate