

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below some additional information about starting school.

1. Child Information and Pupil Premium Forms

We have very much enjoyed our Zoom calls with all of our families and we look forward to greeting you in September. Please complete the forms that we posted to you as soon as possible and return to school before 17th July as the school will be closed for the summer holidays. If you are unable to bring the forms back to the school before then, the school will be open again from the 7th September.

If you think your child and family are eligible for Pupil Premium funding, please follow this link and apply through Hackney Learning Trust:

https://ems.learningtrust.co.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en/Account/Register

If your application is successful, please inform the school and we will prepare a uniform voucher for you to spend at Trutex (London Fields).

2. Starting information and Doorstep Visits

Children will only start primary school once and it is important that we manage this transition period carefully for every child. As you may be aware, we have planned for a staggered start, which is a part-time to ease children into the school. I am sure you will agree how important this is particularly after the closures that have happened this year. Further information on the rationale behind this is located in the Transitions Policy on our website. We will be welcoming children back into school from the 9th September for half days and our first full day will be Monday 21st September.

On the 7th and 8th September your class teacher and support teacher will be carrying out doorstep visits to all the children in their new class. We will organise these visits nearer the time via Signup. During these visits we will stay outside the home, 2 metres away and will say hello to you and your child and begin to make relationships with children before they start school.

3. Drop off and Pick Up - Enfield road Entrance

We will be using the Enfield Road entrance for Reception pickup and drop off times. Unfortunately we will be unable to allow parents onsite so please talk to your child about the dropping off process. It is important for children to understand that they will say goodbye to their caregiver and their teacher will take them into the school. It is advised that you repeatedly talk this through in order to prepare your child to separate more happily.

4. Parent Handbook and Home School Agreement

Due to the current circumstances around COVID-19 we have created a parent handbook (attached) that needs to be read through thoroughly before your child starts school. I have also attached a [home school agreement](#) that will need to be completed before your child starts. All our children will be in a year group bubble which has two smaller class size bubbles within it. Our children will not mix with other year groups and lunch will be served in class, further information can be found in the attached handbook.

5. Transition videos and books

I have attached some videos from Miss Burdon, along with some videos of our school. Please watch these lots of times in the run up to your child's first day of school. We have also printed off a transition book for your child, **please collect this from school before Friday 17th July or again from Monday 7th September.**

5. PE kits, Bookbags and Uniform

In September we will let you know when your child's PE day will be. On PE days we will be asking for parents to send children into school wearing their PE clothes. This is to limit any risks of transmission of COVID-19 when getting changed. However on your child's first day of school please send them in with a bag of spare clothes, including underwear, in case of any accidents. These clothes will stay on your child's peg until the end of half term or they will be sent home if they are needing to be replenished.

Please remember to buy your school uniform with good time, anything with our school logo on can be purchased from Trutex (London Fields). We ask for parents to purchase shoes that are easy for children to fasten independently e.g. velcro not laces. Please look on our website for further guidance on our uniform policy.

Your first school bookbag will be given out to children during their first couple of days.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Kind Regards

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