



10 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We are at the end of our first week in school and it has been really lovely to have the children back and to start welcoming our new reception children to their Stay and Play sessions.

Our children have settled back in very well, it's great to have them playing together at break and lunchtimes; they are thoroughly enjoying the new playground equipment provided by the SPSA so huge thanks to them. We are not yet having whole school assemblies but are having 3 year groups in the hall at once - after 18 months, seeing some of the children back together is wonderful!

Open Fridays will recommence after half term on Friday November 5<sup>th</sup> and will then take place on the first Friday of every month thereafter. This is a time for your child to share their work and achievements with you, from 8.30 - 8.50 am and again from 3.30 - 4.00 pm. Parent Consultation Evenings, when you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher, will take place after half term.

You should have had a letter regarding our cross country event for years 1-6 which takes place next Friday morning, 17 September, so we look forward to seeing you at Whitgift Sports Club.

Where possible, please try to attend the virtual coffee mornings your child's class teacher will have arranged as these will provide you with the opportunity to ask questions about the year ahead and meet the staff. Dates for these are in the school calendar on our website which you can access [here](#).

Please can we remind you to ensure that your child's uniform and other belongings are clearly named as there was a huge amount of unnamed lost property at the end of last year. The SPSA will be having a second hand uniform sale on October 15<sup>th</sup>, further details will be sent soon.

Can we also remind you that children should be in school before 8.55 am each day when the classroom doors are closed and that the end of the school day is 3.20 pm. Please can you ensure that children are picked up promptly as being left can be distressing for your child. Our new Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) will be monitoring punctuality and attendance.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support, and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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Co-Headteachers