



2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer. The team of staff have worked extremely hard over the break, ensuring that the school looks fabulous, and planning exciting lessons for the pupils to enjoy. We are all looking forward to welcoming the majority of the children back next Tuesday. To make the start of term easier, I have shared some of the changes for this academic year below.

### Times of the school day

The times of the day will return to the same times we had prior to COVID. The pupils will be invited into school at 8:45am and will be dismissed at 3:15pm.

	Nursery	Reception	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
Registration	8:45am - 8:50am	8:45am - 8:50am	8:45am - 8:50am	8:45am - 8:50am	8:45am - 8:50am
Break	Continuous Provision	Continuous Provision	10:45am – 11:00am	10:45am – 11:00am	10:30am – 10:45am
Lunch	N/A	11:50am – 12:50pm	12:00pm – 1:00pm	12:00pm – 1:00pm	12:00pm – 1:00pm
End of Day	11:45am	3:15pm	3:15pm	3:15pm	3:15pm

### Attendance

If your child is not able to attend school for any reason, we ask parents to call the school between 8:15am and 8:35am to let us know. Mrs Hood will be taking on the responsibility of Attendance Champion and will be answering the phone during these times.

At Kessingland Church of England Primary Academy, we value the importance of being an attendance HERO – **H**ere, **E**very day, **R**eady to learn and **O**n time.

Every week that your child has 100% attendance, they will move closer to receiving 'Cakes with Mr Crossland' and receiving attendance awards. When your child has achieved 12 weeks of 100% attendance, they will receive the BRONZE award. They will be given a certificate and an invite to 'Cakes with Mr Crossland'. After 24 weeks, they will receive the SILVER award and will be awarded an attendance badge in addition to their second invite. After 36 weeks, they will receive the GOLD award and they will be awarded a special prize!





We do understand that children are sometimes poorly, so we think it is important that if a child is unwell, they do not return to zero for not achieving 100% attendance in a particular week. The pupils just stay on the same total, until the next time they do achieve 100% attendance.

### **Arrival and collection**

In September, all of the children will be welcomed into school via the playground gate next to the bike sheds. Parents will be asked to leave through the gate near the Nursery. Please do not arrive at school before 8:35am. If your child is in Year 1 - Year 6, parents will be asked to walk through the play area and drop the children off at the appropriate door. If your child is in Nursery or Reception, you will go straight to the appropriate door. There will be lots of adults on the playground to help you, so please do not worry.

At the end of the day, Reception to Year 4 will need to be collected through the same gate and in the same way. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils will need to be collected from the front entrance black gate. This is the same gate as last year. Please do not arrive before 3:10pm. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and has permission to return home alone, please ensure you have shared this in writing with the school office. We will monitor the success of this change very closely during the first two weeks.

### **Behaviour**

The school behaviour policy has been reviewed and we are going to make some significant changes in September. We originally brought in the road system to reward our 'Always Children'. These are the children that always do the right thing. Unfortunately, some of these children are now disappointed when they do not get moved on to the silver or gold roads.

In September, we will be using just three roads: Green, Orange and Red. Every child starts both the morning and afternoon session on the green road. If your child remains on the green road, without being moved to the orange or red, during that session, they will receive a Class Dojo Point. Every day, pupils can earn two Dojo points and this will be recorded at the end of each day. Parents will therefore be able to track this daily.

Certificates will be awarded for 75, 150, 225, 300 and 350 Dojo points. Pupils must be in school on time to achieve the morning Dojo point.

Alongside the road system, pupils can also earn raffle tickets for additional successes which equate to house points. Each class will have a weekly draw with prizes – the more raffle tickets earned, the greater chance of winning a prize! The winning house each half-term will also be rewarded with a non-uniform day.





## School Uniform

The school has always been sensitive to the cost of uniform and both the PE uniform and school uniform can all be sourced from local supermarkets. If you need support with uniform, please contact the SaFS team, who will be able to help you. Parents will be contacted and asked to bring in the correct uniform, if children arrive at school not wearing it.

In the autumn term we are going to continue to ask pupils to attend school in their PE uniform on days they have PE. This has worked extremely well. The amount of lost property has significantly reduced; the amount of activity during lessons has significantly increased, as no time is lost changing, and pupils never forget their kit! Pupils must wear the correct uniform. However, we understand that there may be a good reason why your child is not in school uniform on a particular day; please ensure you inform the school if a problem arises.

School Uniform	PE Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grey or black skirts, pinafores, trousers or tailored shorts</li><li>• Green gingham dress</li><li>• White polo shirt</li><li>• Green sweatshirt, fleece, cardigan or jumper</li><li>• Appropriate black shoes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• T-shirt (house colour)</li><li>• Black shorts</li><li>• Plimsolls or trainers</li><li>• Tracksuit and/or plain sweatshirts.</li></ul>

Pupils may wear a watch (with no sound effects, cameras or games) and may wear one pair of small stud earrings. All studs must be removed for PE by the pupil so please ensure that your child can do this, if they are wearing earrings on the days that they have PE.

## Homework

The school was extremely pleased with how our pupils' attainment compared to the national statistics and it is clear that our catch-up strategy has had a positive impact on pupil progress. The school community is now ready to raise the bar further and we will be setting homework once again from September. Pupils will be expected to learn spellings; read at least five times a week at home (recording this in their reading diaries) and complete Maths challenges, using an online programme that the school has invested in. This additional home learning will help ensure that your child leaves this school, achieving the highest academic standard they are capable of. Please help us to achieve this by supporting your child with their homework.





### Getting to know your child's teacher

On the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> September, there will be an opportunity for parents / carers to come into school to work with their child and meet their child's class teacher. More details will follow, but we wanted to give you as much notice as possible to make arrangements.

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Nursery - 11:15am - 11:45am
	Reception - 2:30pm - 3:15pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 and 6 - 2:30pm - 3:15pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Year 3 and 4 - 2:30pm - 3:15pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 1 and 2 - 2:30pm - 3:15pm

Thank you once again for all your continued support. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back next week.

Kind regards,

Mr Crossland

