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Dear Parents

It has been lovely to welcome to back to school after a wonderful hot summer break! We have been blessed with some lovely warm temperatures – let's hope they continue! The children are beginning to settle very well into their new classes and we look forward to welcoming you into school over the coming term. Below are some important requests and reminders and all known diary dates at this early point in the term.

Individual photos.

Children will have their individual photograph taken in school tomorrow morning – 21.9.18. Brothers and sisters will also have theirs taken together and we will assume you are happy for all images to be taken unless you inform the school otherwise. From 8.30am, you are welcome to bring pre-school/junior/high school siblings in to the hall to have photos taken together before school starts.

Contact information

The school will continue to send out most communications by email and text. Please ensure the office has your correct details. If you do not wish to receive communications by either/both of these methods please inform the school office and you will receive paper copies.

School arrival/collections

Please ensure that children are at school on time – doors open at 8.50am and the registers are taken at 9.00am. School closes at 3.15pm. Parents are not permitted to drive into the school grounds unless they, or their child, has a disability which means they cannot walk from the surrounding streets into the school. A parking permit will be issued on request to the school office. As always, we ask that you drive with extreme caution around the neighbouring streets, ensuring you do not block driveways or park on dropped kerbs. We repeatedly receive complaints about poor driving and inconsiderate parking so please help us to keep your children safe by following these rules.

Many thanks!

We ask that you supervise children very carefully before and after school. They are not allowed to ride bikes or scooters in the school grounds. They should dismount at the gates and wheel their vehicles to the bike shelter. This is to ensure no-one gets hurt on our confined pathways. Neither should they bike or scooter on the playground to ensure they do not ride into other people. We ask that you do not allow them to play on school climbing equipment or play with the school's toys/equipment which have either been tidied away or set out for learning activities. They should not be allowed to play in the wooded areas before or after school. These are relatively wild, with poor access and visibility and we want to avoid accidents during and outside the school day. Thank you for helping us to keep children safe and to look after the school's resources.



P.E.

We repeatedly ask that your children have a P.E. kit in school every day of the week. We are not asking for anything special – a pair of shorts/a t-shirt/a pair of plimsolls or trainers! Still, every week a number of children do not have any, or only some, of these items, which means they cannot do P.E. safely or properly. The school has a limited number of spare items – very few shoes – and children do not like wearing things that are not theirs. Please help us to make the most of the sports activities we are giving your children. If you have a problem supplying a P.E. kit please tell us about the problem – we want to help! Many thanks!

Attendance

You will receive a separate email detailing the LA's guidance on attendance and the criteria for sending out warning notices and fixed penalty notices. We have to follow these rigorously. Attendance at the school is still below national figures for primary schools and we need to improve it as a matter of urgency. Please read all the information carefully and consider very carefully before taking your child out of school for a holiday. This accounts for the majority of the school's unauthorised absence.

Diary dates

21.9.18 – individual photos – am
11.10.18 – 10.30am – Harvest Festival – St Margaret's Church Ormesby – details to follow
11.10.18 – PTA School disco – 3.30 onwards – details to follow
17.10.18 – School closes for half term
29.10.18 – School re-opens
6.11.18 – Parents' evening – 3.30-6.30pm – details to follow
15.11.18 – Parents' evening – 3.30-6.30 – details to follow
5.12.18 – Flu immunisations – details to follow
11.12.18 – School Christmas lunch – details to follow
12.12.18 – Christmas performance – 2.00pm – details to follow
13.12.18 – Christmas performance – 2.00pm
14.12.18 – Christmas performance 2018 – 2.00pm
17.12.18 – Christmas parties – pm
18.12.18 – School closes for Christmas holiday
3.1.19 – School re-opens for Spring term 2019

Yours sincerely

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