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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome Back Update

I do hope that you and your family/friends have had a lovely summer break. It seems such a long time ago that we were in the Church providing the year 6 with their final send off. Fingers crossed that they have all made/will be making a good start to life at secondary school. I am sure that you join with me to wish them well. As one cohort leaves, another joins us. I am looking forward to welcoming 20 new starters in EYFS, 2 new starters in KS2 to our school over the coming weeks. I am sure that you will all make the new parents/carers welcome.

My colleagues are busy writing their first Class News of the year and along with the termly planners and spellings they will be sent to you shortly via Parentmail. The news will also provide details with regards to PE days. Subsequent editions will be uploaded to Teams which is not quite ready for us to use. In the meantime, I hope that this welcome back letter offers you some useful information.

Attendance/School Day

As always, the Mill Road gate will open on Monday, September 5th from 8:45. Children in Ash and Willow can go to their classrooms at this time whilst children in Oak, Beech and Hawthorn can enjoy their 'Daily Mile'. I would very much encourage all children to start the day early at 8:45. The gate will be locked at 9:00 after which time your child will be marked on the register as 'late.' The school day will again end at 3:15 after which time your children will be let out of class. If your child is in year 5/6 you are welcome to give permission for them to leave the class unaccompanied. Mrs Southcombe will be in touch regarding permissions.

As always, attendance will be monitored and followed up in the usual way in the interests of safeguarding. We target all children to have an attendance of 97% and at times will challenge parents/carers if this is not the case. When a child is going to be off school with illness, you must call the school and give a reason. Any absence without a reason will be classed as unauthorised and marked as such. We will always aim to support you and your children in order to maintain good attendance. Please be reminded that ALL holiday requests will be refused and marked as unauthorised.

Every year, I receive communications from neighbours with regards to parent/carers irresponsible parking in the morning and at the end of the school day. I would encourage you all to walk, cycle or park away from the school allowing a short walk. Not only will this be healthy, it will also limit the danger to YOUR children at the busiest of times. There is plenty of parking away from the school so please allow yourselves time to help keep everyone safe.


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The last thing that I ever want to do is report an accident of one of YOUR children. It does baffle me at times when I see a parent/carer parking in a dangerous place on a corner for example. There is really no need.

As you know, we now have a super parking facility for a number of bicycles/scooters. Please make use of it. Mrs Lloyd will be in touch shortly with some exciting 'cycle to School' initiatives. If it helps, parents/carers are more than welcome to use the cycle parking also.

Uniform/PE Kit

I am aware that some parents/carers are frustrated with our current school uniform provider. For those of you who have not received orders, I offered, via Twitter/Instagram to contact the supplier directly. This has seemed to speed a few orders up. I have been told that some stock, including fleeces, will be delayed further. Please do be reminded that there is no requirement for children to wear uniform with logos. Mrs Southcombe will be looking into other potential suppliers for future orders. Please do not worry if an item of uniform has not yet arrived in time for Monday. I always appreciate your efforts where uniform is concerned.

At the end of last term, some children began to wear PE kit that did not follow our policy. Please do NOT send children into school in items of football kit, including shorts and socks. As always PE kit should consist of plain black shorts/leggings and a red T-shirt. This not only looks smart, it is a much cheaper option than a Manchester Utd Football kit for example. I will be asking staff to remind parents/carers with regards to PE kit. Once again, we would welcome children to wear PE kits on the day/s that they have PE.

As PE lead, Mrs Lloyd spoke to me at the end of last term with regards to the wearing of jewellery. It was decided that children would NOT be permitted to wear jewellery at school. Not only can it be dangerous, we also had items lost last year that caused some distress. Some items of jewellery, including bangles, may be worn for religious purposes. If this is the case please do speak to your child's class teacher. We will allow stud ear-rings only although ask that these are not worn on PE days. Once again, thank you for your support in the interests of health and safety.

Please DO name all items of uniform. I am always amazed at the amount of lost property that we donate to charity due to it not being named. With the cost of living rising, I would not want you to spend more than is required. Again, thank you for supporting our uniform policy. I can't wait to see a sea of red at the gate next week.

Music Tuition

You may well have seen news via Twitter/Instagram with regards to musical tuition. I am pleased and excited to be able to offer children guitar, drumming, ukulele and singing lessons! Guitar and drumming lessons are always popular


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and I hope that KS1 children will take up the ukulele tuition. These lessons will be a great intro in readiness for taking on guitar lessons in KS2. The chance of singing tuition is a first and I look forward to hearing children take that up. We will be holding a lunchtime choir club during which time, keen children will learn songs in readiness for young Voices 2022/23. For the first term, choir will be offered to KS2 children for Free. Depending upon numbers there may well be a small charge from January. If you are interested in singing or have a love of it and would like to volunteer to help with the Tues choir club, please email head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk as it would be great to have you on board. We also hope to invite Music Mark into Willow at some point. Once again, I look forward to hearing various performances throughout the year.

Snacks

The staff and I would like you to encourage the children to eat healthily during snack times at school. From Monday we would ask that children in KS2 are only provided with fruit/vegetables for their snacks. Quite often last year, children were seen eating food taken from their lunchboxes or food that included crisps, chocolate bars and biscuits. The staff will monitor snacks on the playground and will ask the children to remind parent/carers of our push for healthy eating. I could write a long list of what is deemed to be a welcome snack although I would rather ask for your support in providing just fruit or veg in its various natural forms. If your child has any particular dietary/sensory needs please do speak to their class teacher.

As always no snacks/lunch items should contain NUTS /KIWI. We now have five children with potentially severe allergies and as always ask that you support us a NUT/KIWI FREE school. All staff will shortly be completing allergy awareness training. I would invite you to complete similar awareness training for your own information. You might want to share the info with your children. Feel free to access the FREE training by following this link:

<https://www.allergywise.org.uk/p/allergywise-for-parents-and-carers-of-school-age-children>

Staffing

As you know, both Mrs George and Miss Garton moved onto new ventures at the end of last term. We welcome Mrs Pfadenhauer (Admin support) and Mrs Smith (KS2 1:1 Support) to the Cottingham team this week and look forward to working with them. It is with great sadness that I also announce the end of Mrs Crainie's time at Cottingham CofE. Since 2009, Mrs Crainie has supported a number of pupils and their families and will be missed by us all. UCC will welcome Mrs Crainie to their team from 26th September so she is not leaving just yet! Personally, I have enjoyed working very closely with Mrs Crainie and wish her well on her next career path. She will be an asset to UCC and it is good to know will be supporting our ex-pupils for years to come. I know that you will want to offer Mrs Crainie your


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own good luck and thank you messages also and I am sure she will enjoy those. I know it was a very tough decision to leave Cottingham but she does so with my full backing.....

If you have any questions with regards to the start of term, please contact the school office on Thursday and Friday when staff will be busy in school preparing for the term ahead...

Yours sincerely,

Mr Scott (Headteacher)

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