



Thomas Johnson Lower School

Dream-Discover-Flourish
A Values-based Education School

6th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We are extremely sorry about the system error which left so many of you confused this morning and without the vital information you needed for the first day back. We have looked into the fault and believe it to have been a one-off error and are putting in other measures to help avoid it happening again.

Just a few reminders about day-to-day things.

- **Dogs on site** : As many of you are aware, dogs are not allowed on the school grounds and the incident this morning has been resolved. Thank you for your calmness and understanding. Dogs can be tied at the railings, providing the dog is not distressed by being left and will not attack other dogs. A distressed animal can be very frightening to children and we want everyone to feel safe and happy when coming to school.
- **Uniform, hair and hair bands**: We are very proud of our school uniform and seeing how smart the children look when they come in each morning. Long hair, including fringes which fall over the eyes, should be tied back with scrunchie or plain band, or can be held with a plain hairband (black or green).
- **Book bags**: These should be bottle-green.
- **Parking**: Please do not park at the top of the school gates opposite the wavy yellow lines. We know that parking is very tight around the street, however cars turning in the circle present an additional hazard for children.

PE days and kit

Children should come to school in their PE kit on designated PE days. We have had to change the days for some classes because we now have individual class groups and can no longer fit everyone into one day. These days are:

Reception = Tuesday only (amended)
Years 1-3 = Tues and Thursday
Year 4 = Monday and Thursday

School Lunches

We are delighted to have a new caterer this term. The menu has a larger selection than before, and will be £2.30/day. The caterer is currently finalizing the payment methods for school and we will provide full information to you as soon as we have it. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Things coming up ...

- Thursday 9th September - Healthy Eating. We are a healthy eating aware school and in previous years have worked with our community to support parents with packed lunch ideas. We will re-launch this from this Thursday. I know that eating and child preference can make lunchtimes a tricky time, and therefore I will be available to address your concerns with an open Q&A session on Friday 10th Sept at 2pm.
- Fri 10th September
 - Class teachers will send out a "My New Class" presentation to every parent and carer to help you feel more familiar with the routines and expectations for your child's new class.
 - Healthy Eating 2pm Q&A Zoom
- Tues 14th September - 1.30 - 2.30 Pre-School parent information sessions will take place in the Hall.
- Wed 15th September - 5-5.40pm Pre-School Zoom parent session (please note, the content of this will be exactly the same as the Tuesday session so there is no need to attend both)

As we go through this first term we will also be providing information on how you can support your child at home with key areas of their learning. Next week will focus on Mathematics and the new White Rose Scheme of Learning which we have introduced throughout the school, together with completely new resources for our classrooms.

Your suggestions and comments are always welcome. Equally, if you have any questions or concerns please let our Senior Leadership Team know by emailing Miss Turner or myself.

With best wishes,



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