



# FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday 31st August 2021

## **Important Information about the New Academic Year**

Dear parents/carers,

Just a little update to provide some answers to questions I have received from parents/carers over the last couple of days.

### **The children return to school on Thursday 2nd September 2021**

Tomorrow, our dedicated staff team will return to school and participate in training as part of our INSET day. On Thursday, your children will return and we are so excited to see them all. The arrangements for our Nursery and Reception children starting school have been communicated separately. If you have any questions about this, please contact your child's class teacher or Miss Latta, our EYFS Lead ([c.latta@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:c.latta@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk)).

### **Our term dates and handy printable version**

Please click the link below to access the term dates for this academic year. This is a handy, downloadable document which can be printed and put on your fridge:

**[Term Dates 2021/22 Academic Year](#)**

### **Start/pick-up times, and our morning childcare provision**

The school day will start promptly at 9:00am and the school gates will open at 8:45am each morning. The children can come into school from 8:45am, have some breakfast (provided free of charge) with their friends and prepare for their first lesson.

From Monday 6th September, we will be offering our morning childcare service. This starts from 7:45am and runs until 8:45am. The charge for this is £2 per day and children of all ages can attend. You can pay for this service on the day and there is no need to book beforehand.

Based on new guidance, we will not be staggering the pick-up anymore. All children (apart from our Nursery aged pupils) are to be collected at 3:15pm. Parents/carers are asked to use the one way system to drop-off and collect your child/children. That means entering the school site from the entrance on Grandison Road and exiting via either side exit on Bushey or Atheldene Road.

### **Our new attendance policy**

We sent a letter home before the summer holidays about our new approach to promoting excellent attendance. This approach will start from Thursday. We hope that you support us with ensuring that your child attends school punctually and as often as they can. That means that we have every opportunity to do our job as best as possible, as your child will be in school and ready to learn!

A copy of our new approach to attendance can be found by clicking this link:

**[Attendance and Punctuality Letter](#)**

**Keeping everyone safe - measures to minimise the risk**

We are encouraging parents/carers to allow adequate distancing between each other during this busy time. We also ask that you do not congregate on the playground - pick-up and exit the site quickly. Some parents/carers may wish to wear a face covering but this is not mandatory outside on the school grounds. We appreciate that the COVID measures have been relaxed but it is important to note that COVID has not 'gone away'. We will still have some measures in place to help minimise the risk in our school. That is our number one priority and I hope that you will support us with this.

In the coming days, we will publish our latest risk assessment on our website. At the moment, it is with our staff and governors who are reviewing the measures we plan to put in place.

**Changes to national self-isolation guidance**

I have received this letter from Liverpool City Council and been asked to distribute it to all parents/carers. It outlines some of the changes to the national guidance and clarifies your role as parents/carers:

**[Letter from Liverpool City Council and Public Health](#)**

**We will be bring back our after-school clubs**

At the moment, we do not provide any after-school 'wrap-around' care. We will, shortly, announce our arrangements for after-school clubs. These will be starting before the end of September.

**PE lessons from next week and the expectations for PE kit**

There will be no PE lessons taking place on either Thursday 2nd or Friday 3rd September. PE will start from Monday 6th September. A PE timetable, illustrating the day your child has PE, will be sent home before Friday.

The children are to come to school in their PE kits on their designated day. We have set out the arrangements for what the children should wear for PE. This can be accessed using the 'uniform' links below.

**Promoting positive school uniform and wearing school shoes**

Lastly, before the holidays we issued new guidance clarifying our new uniform policy. I have been delighted with the response from our parents/carers and I am looking forward to seeing the children return to school smartly dressed on Thursday. Should you require any further clarification regarding our expectations for school uniform, please see the attached:

**[Uniform Letter - Our Expectations](#)**

**[Uniform Price List](#)**

**[Correct Uniform Infographic](#)**

Thank you once again for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday.

Take care and stay safe.



Mr Leach  
Headteacher

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