



FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT/CARER UPDATE – BACK TO SCHOOL

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Important parent/carers update - Back to School

Wednesday 28th August 2024

Dear parents/carers,

On behalf of everyone at Florence Melly Community Primary School, I would like to welcome you all back to school and to the 2024/25 academic year, after what I hope was a lovely, relaxing summer break - full of adventure and family time.

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 3rd September 2024. Monday 2nd September is an INSET day for our staff.

On Tuesday, we re-open for children in Years 1 to 6. The start times and dates are different for those children in our Nursery and Reception classes. These have previously been communicated to parents/carers by our EYFS Lead, Mrs McDermott.

Our school day runs from 8:55am until 3:15pm. Please make every effort to get your child into school on time and leave them in school for the duration of the school day. **Our school gates will open at 8:35am**, meaning that you can bring your child/children onto the yard before the **year group doors open at 8:45am**. These **doors close at 8:55am**. That leaves a 10-minute window to drop your child/children off. **Your child will not be marked late if they are in school before 8:55am.** Thereafter, they will receive a late mark.

Morning club

We are delighted to announce that the charge for our morning club will remain at £2 per session per child this year, despite the incredible rise in the cost of living. We want this service to work for our families and this is one way to show that! This service will start on Tuesday 3rd September, the first day back for the children. Parents/carers can drop off their child/children when our gates open at 7:45am up until 8:30am.

School uniform

We see school uniform as an essential part of school life. It is a symbol of belonging and something that unites all children in Florence Melly Community Primary School. This year, we will be having an even bigger push on making sure that the children are wearing the correct uniform. We will be setting the highest of standards and would appreciate your complete support and cooperation with this. Further details can be found on our school website, which also includes a link to an order form from our suppliers for you to order your uniform directly: <https://florencemelly.org/schooluniform/>.

PE timetables

PE will start the second week back (Monday 9th September), not the first week. New PE timetables will be communicated to all parents/carers next week.

Extra-curricular clubs

We are really proud of our vibrant extra-curricular offer and we know that this is much appreciated by our parents/carers. All of our clubs are free as we see these as an extension of our school day; yet another way to enhance our pupils' cultural capital.

More information about our offer for the first half-term will be communicated during the first week back.

Staffing changes

Please join me in giving Miss Kelly a very warm Florence Melly welcome, as she joins our dedicated staff team this year. Miss Kelly will be taking on her first ever teaching post in our Year 3 cohort and we are absolutely thrilled to have her join our Flo Melly family!

I am also delighted to announce that Mrs O'Keefe has been promoted to Deputy Headteacher. Governors and I were unanimous in our decision to appoint her to the position at the very end of term. Mrs O'Keefe will continue in to provide amazing support and advice to pupils with SEND and their parents/carers in her role as our SENCO. She will also be dipping her toes into lots of other areas of school life in her new role. I'm sure that you'll all agree, this is a fabulous appointment!

Lastly, I would like to thank a long-standing and much-loved staff member who decided to leave us for pastures new over the Summer holidays. Miss Waters has worked at our school for many years and she will be sorely missed. She supported children across the school but spent the majority of her time with pupils in Year 6 - where she provided incredible support, helping them prepare for their SATs and life beyond our school. Good luck with whatever the future may bring and never forget...if you can DREAM it, you can do it!

As always, thank you for your support, take care, stay safe and enjoy the last few days of the holidays.

See you all on Tuesday at 8:45am.



Mr Leach

Headteacher

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