



Friday September 4th 2020

Dear children, parents and staff

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE & WELCOME TO ALL NEW FAMILIES

It has been absolutely wonderful to see you all return to school at the same time. The classrooms and playground are alive with the sound of the children's voices.

Thank you for your patience as we try to find our feet! Collection on the first day was one such example as we battled against the absolute torrents of rain to match children up with family members!!

Please double check drop off and collection times for your child/children. We would appreciate it if you did not arrive early as this avoids congestion at either end of the day and helps to keep all of the adults safe too.

Please send your child to school in uniform **EXCEPT** on the days when he/she has PE. On those days please send your child in wearing full PE kit (track suit if it is chilly). We are trying to avoid children having to change. Please keep plimsols at home for the present time. We will let you know when they will be needed.

PE days: Reception — Tues and Thur, Y1- Mon and Fri, Y2- Thur and Fri, Y3- Mon and Tues, Y4-Wed and Thur, Y5- Mon and Fri, Y6—Tues and Thur

Reading books will be quarantined for 72 hours so we may not always be able to send your child home with a book—thank you for your patience in this matter.

Fruit and veg snack deliveries for Reception, Y1 and Y2 will resume from Tuesday September 8th. Children will have access to this healthy snack each morning.

CLUBS—these have been greatly affected as we have had to repurpose the junior dining area, not for pupil use. I am currently trying to organise some clubs which would take place in year group bubbles. Information will be sent to the relevant classes.

I would like to thank all the staff, teaching and support, for their flexibility to date as we continue to 'tweak' arrangements!

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Seymour who completed her English Literature & Language Degree last term and was awarded a First Class Honours Degree—an absolutely formidable achievement. I am delighted to inform you that this means Miss Seymour can now do her formal teacher training year and that she has chosen to do this at Arnett Hills.

For families with children who started secondary school this week, we hope it was a positive experience—please tell our old Y6 children that we miss them and they are in our thoughts.

Here's to be a great term ahead—Miss Ali & the team at Arnett Hills