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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the last week of the summer term. I think that we have all done an incredible job for the last year and a half – our school family has really pulled together in the most challenging of times and I can honestly tell you that I would not have been able to do it without you. Some of you may have noticed that I have not been around for the last few days. Unfortunately my daughter, who is back from university, tested positive for Covid last Wednesday – she hasn't been affected too badly but it means that I will completely miss this week. I would like to say a special goodbye to all of you whose children are leaving us this year. We will really miss them and you, and I wish your family all the very best for the future. Please stop for a chat if you ever see me around and about York – I love hearing about how you are all getting along! Although I am not physically in school I am still 'in charge' from my dining room table so if you do need me for any reason just let the office know and your message will be passed along. Although having said that, the office are one woman down as well this week so please bear with them if things take slightly longer than usual.

At the moment we are planning for a September without Covid restrictions but I don't quite trust the DfE not to land us with guidance the day before we start back so please keep that in the back of your minds. There are some elements of the ways in which we have worked over the last year and a half that we intend to keep as they work really well. One of these is that we would like the children to continue to wear their P.E. kits or Forest school clothes on the appropriate days. Please note that the P.E kit is:

- Black shorts/jogging bottoms
- Red/white t shirt
- Plain long sleeved top if cold
- Trainers/plimsolls

Forest school clothes should be as follows:

- Dark coloured jogging bottoms (legs need to be completely covered even in summer)
- Red/white t shirt
- Plain long sleeved top if cold
- Wellie boots/sturdy shoes
- Warm coat and waterproofs if needed due to the weather

I have asked class teachers to really tighten up on this for next year as some children were bringing their own interpretation to the uniform. I know that I can count on your support with this.





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Staggered starts and finish times will stop:

- Early Years will be dropped off in their playground at 8:40 and picked up from their doors at 3:05.
- KS1 children will be dropped off from the lower hall between 8:40 and 8:50 and at the end of the day will line up on the playground and be released to their parents as they are now.
- Y3/4 will come onto the playground from 8:40am and line up straight away on the left hand side of the playground (in front of their stairs) – as they do now and be taken into school at 8:45am. At 3:15 they will come out in their lines with their teacher/teaching assistant and be sent to their grown-up in the same way as they are now.
- Y5/6 will also come onto the playground from 8:40am but line up on the right hand side of the playground. At the end of the day children who do not walk themselves home will stand on the Y5/6 stairs with their adults and be sent away from there.
- I will be on the playground every morning (if not me another member of SLT will take my place) so you are more than welcome to leave your child and go. We would like all parents/carers to wait on the same side of the playground that their child lines up on to make it easier for us to spot you at the end of the day.

If all of the above makes no sense to you then please don't worry there will be plenty of people around on the first few days back to point you, and your child, in the right direction. It will feel very strange to us at first to have so many people all in one place and some people may not feel as socially confident as others so please, please show respect and consideration. As always, we will see how things go and make changes if necessary.

Staggered playtimes and lunchtimes will continue as they work so well – the children have really benefitted from having more playground space and it has had a hugely positive impact on behaviour. They will go out with the rest of their phase and the three classes will be able to mix freely.

We will be keeping our hand sanitising regime as the children are used to it now and it seems to me a very sensible precaution. We would also like all adults (unless exempt) to wear a face covering and use the hand sanitiser when they are coming into the school building to drop off their child.

Thank you again for working with us so brilliantly this year. I hope that you all have a great break and we are looking forward to welcoming your children back on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Take care of yourselves and have fun!

Tina Clarke

