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Tuesday 5th September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a restful Summer. It is a pleasure to welcome you and our pupils back to school for the new school year and was so wonderful to see our pupils arrive back in school looking so smart this morning and with big smiles on their faces.

As a school, we are very keen to ensure positive home-school links and operate an open door policy. Should you have anything you wish to discuss, please do contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. I am also available daily between the drop off points should you wish to catch up with me or can be contacted through the main school office. I will be sharing dates in my newsletter of our newly formed Parent/Carer Forum which started in July. This forum gives opportunity to discuss school developments and to us to share information and feedback on life in school.

I have outlined some logistical considerations in this letter which will be useful for those families new to our school and will be a useful reminder for our current families.

School Development Plan

Our school website continues to develop and expand and it has recently been updated to include a summary of our School Development Plan for the new school year and an evaluation of our progress from the last school year. Please do take a look at our priorities this for this year which we will working towards achieving.

Holidays

In line with the Local Authority policy on attendance, the school will not be able to authorise holidays during term time unless in an extreme circumstance. (A parent serving in the armed forces for example). Any holidays taken during term time will be recorded as an unauthorised holiday and attendance letters will be shared should concerns around attendance arise.



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Uniform

We strive to maintain the highest standards of uniform, on both days that pupils have and do not have Physical Education lessons. Our uniform has been simplified to make it as accessible, practical and affordable as possible and it is expected that pupils wear their school uniform fully at all times. (Unless otherwise specified for fundraising days etc). Where full uniform is not worn, contact will be made home to determine the reasons why and any support school can provide to ensure complete and correct uniform. Information on the Schools Essentials Grant is available here >> <https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/school-essentials-grant>

Traffic & Parking

As our school continues to grow, we are experiencing additional traffic flows around the campus. We are working with the Local Authority to seek a longer term solution to traffic flow, but would ask for your cooperation in the following ways when dropping off and collecting pupils:

- Ensure that yellow zig zag lines remain clear at all times
- Ensure that only those with eligible badges park in accessible parking bays
- Ensure that pupils are not let out into the mainroad when leaving cars
- Ensure considerate parking at all times, respecting accessways of neighbours etc
- Parking and striding to reduce traffic flow wherever possible
- Travelling to school by foot, scooter or bike wherever possible

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

Adult Community Learning Programme

We are delighted to be engaging with the Adult Community Learning Programme again this year which will provide opportunities for you to come in school to work alongside your child. There is an information session planned for **Tuesday 12th September at 9.30am** if you would like to come and find out more! You can find out more and register for elements of the Autumn Programme here > <https://www.gresfordallsaints.co.uk/community-learning-programme/>



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Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

Where school has been informed of an Operation Encompass referral, Mrs Edwards, School Wellbeing Manager, will make contact home to determine any support that maybe required. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Parent Pay

Ensuring that Parent Pay accounts do not carry any debt is essential, please do check your account regularly to ensure payments to school are up to date. We strive to give as much notice as possible for any school visits to allow payment plans to be taken advantage of and to ensure payments are made in good time. Should you require any support in relation to Parent Pay, please contact the main school office. Activation letters for those new to school are being sent home today, if you don't receive one, please email mailbox@allsaints-pri.wrexham.sch.uk and we will forward another copy. Those pupils attending morning Nursery will receive their letters tomorrow.

Universal Free School Meals

The roll out of Universal Free School Meals has taken place today for pupils in Reception – Year 6. The Local Authority systems used to order dinners are being updated at present and we are hopeful that ordering will commence from tomorrow. It is essential that with over 300 pupils to cater for that choices are ordered on Parent Pay by 8am on the day the meal is due to be taken. There is option to also order up to two weeks in advance.



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We have several communication channels at school and share information and updates regularly on social media. Please do engage with our posts and celebrate the wonderful curriculum and enrichment offering that your children experience.

Class DoJo is a tool we use to communicate between teachers and parents/carers. Whilst Class DoJo is a very useful tool, I would like to start the year by requesting that it is only used when necessary and that teachers will respond to any queries when they are able to, this is likely to not be during the school day as they are teaching, before 8.30am or after 4.30pm. For any urgent messages or queries, it is always advisable to phone the school office. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Below I have outlined the main communication email and phone numbers for school with information around their purpose:

Communication Purpose	Email Address	Telephone Number	Details
General Office enquiries	mailbox@allsaints-pri.wrexham.sch.uk	01978 852342	Parent Pay, admissions or general enquiries.
Absence reporting or Holiday requests	attendance@allsaints-pri.wrexham.sch.uk	01978 852342 (Absence Reporting Line 24/7)	Reporting pupils absent from school or sending Holiday Forms into school.
Breakfast, Teatime and Holiday Club enquiries	childcare@allsaints-pri.wrexham.sch.uk	01978 852342	Queries relating to Breakfast, Teatime and Holiday Club.
Playgroup and Playgroup Plus enquiries	playgroup@allsaints-pri.wrexham.sch.uk	01978 852342	Queries relating to Playgroup and Playgroup Plus.



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Breakfast, Teatime and Holiday Club

We continue to offer Breakfast, Teatime and Holiday Club. Bookings for Breakfast and Teatime Club must be made by 10am on Friday for the following week and payment sent at the time of booking. Should screenshots/payment not be received to childcare@allsaints-pri.wrexham.sch.uk by 11am on a Friday then that booking will be cancelled. Due to Care Inspectorate Wales childcare ratios and the popularity of the wrap around care, it is not possible to make late bookings.

It is a privilege to lead our wonderful school and I extend my thanks to our staff for their hard work in preparing for the new school year, to the Governing Body for their support and to you as parents and carers for putting your trust in us to educate your children.

Yours sincerely,

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