

## Welcome Back

We are really excited to welcome you back to Hexham First School and truly hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break. Staff have been busy organising classrooms and planning exciting learning ready for the start of term on Tuesday 7th September. Teachers will be in touch to give specific class information via the Class story page on Dojo but in the meantime, below are reminders of the times for drop off and pick up arrangements and additional information that was sent out in July.

Best wishes

Mrs Overton

### Drop Off and Pick up times and locations

The drop off and pick up times for September are below

	Drop Off	Pick up
<b>Nursery &amp; Reception and Year 1</b>	Small yard at front 8:45 – 8:55	Small yard at front – 3:10
<b>Year 2, 3 and 4</b> - the teachers will be outside and will show you where the children need to line up. Please stay to supervise your child until the teachers arrive on the yard at 8:50 am.	Big yard at the back 8:50 – 8:55	Big yard at the back – 3:15  Gates will be opened at 3:10. Please don't arrive before this time as it disrupts the learning in Year 3 and 4.

### Class Dojo

We will continue to use Class Dojo in September to share information and post photos of the exciting learning and activities that happen in school on a weekly basis. We won't be using the messenger function in September and will revert back to pre Covid times where the children will have a reading record that parents can fill in every time they hear their child read. If you need to speak to your child's teacher it will be possible to make an appointment at the end of the school day or catch them quickly in the morning. The only exception will be breakfast and after school club who will still use the messaging function.

### School uniform

Please make sure your child starts school with the correct school uniform. We believe it is more economical for parents and gives children a sense of belonging and pride.

**Our school uniform consists of:** grey or black trousers / pinafore / skirt, royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan, white polo shirt or blouse, blue checked / striped dress for summer, black shoes or trainers (flip flops, slip-on sandals, heels or crocs are not allowed for safety reasons)

**No extreme haircuts or hairstyles please** During term time pupils are asked not to have fashion hairstyles which include: shaved, dyed or streaked hair, beading, patterns, mohawks, lines and tramlines or hairstyles where the sides are much shorter than the top.

**Jewellery**, apart from a watch, must not be worn in school. Earrings must be removed for school for safety reasons. The policy is well supported by parents. Please also be reminded that pupils are not permitted to wear nail varnish unless this is clear.

**Book bags** - children in Reception are now provided with a free school book bag when they join school. This should be used throughout their journey in school so that parents do not need to purchase additional school bags and everyone has the same.

**PE kit** – we have discovered that children coming to school in their PE kit saves a great deal of time changing and have decided to continue to ask children to come to school in school PE kit on PE days (Class teachers will let you know what days these are) School PE kit is a plain white t shirt, plain black / blue shorts and a pair of plain black plimsolls.