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7th September 2026

RE: WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome to all our school families, those returning and those joining us for the first time. It's been lovely to see our new and existing pupils settling into their new classes and into the routines of the school day over the last few days. This first letter is mainly just to offer a diary dates and reminders on some aspects of school life – further information is available on our website (www.maesyrrhaul.com) so please do take a look there if you want to clarify anything, or get in touch and staff will be happy to answer any questions.

Please let the office staff know if you have moved, or have any change of contact details.

Arriving at school.

The normal school day begins at 8:50am, so please ensure your child is at the class door ready for this time. If you arrive late for any reason and the door has been closed, please come round to the main Reception.

Parking at the school is very limited and pupils are encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school. There is ample parking space for bikes and scooters near the front entrance. However, please can you remind your children that for the safety of the hundreds of pedestrians in the grounds at the start and end of the day, **please WALK cycles and scooters once inside the school grounds**. Also, please remind children not to use the climbing / fitness equipment at the start and end of the day, as there is no supervision in place for these at those times.

Breaktimes and Lunchtimes

All pupils are entitled to 'universal' free school meals; the [BCBC dinners menu](#) is available through our website (this is now week 2) and this can be selected day-by-day. For those having packed lunches, please provide a balanced packed lunch in containers that the children are able to handle independently and require minimal support from staff. Glass containers, cans, fizzy drinks and sweets are not allowed. Please also avoid products that include nuts (e.g. fruit bars containing nuts, hazelnut spread) to help us avoid risks to pupils with nut allergies (this does not extend to products marked 'may contain nuts'). If your child has any food allergies, please speak to the office staff and we will contact catering who will be able to offer an alternative menu.

In line with government expectations, pupils are allowed and encouraged to bring water (only) to school for in-class use, ideally in a reusable water bottle. All class sinks have drinkable water supplies. Pupils may bring fruit or vegetables for their morning snack.

When classes go on trips and are away from school, BCBC catering are able to provide a basic packed lunch on request (cheese or ham roll, water, fruit, muffin). However, they require a minimum of 2

weeks notice due to ordering / Natasha's Law. Generally, we find that nearly all parents prefer to supply their own so that children are able to have a lunch which better suits their preferences.

After School Clubs

We will send out more information about school-led activity clubs shortly.

'Simply Out of School' club also runs every day until 5:30pm and is run by a private company based in our main hall. To make enquiries about this, please ring 01656 372910 or email admin@simplyoutofschool.co.uk

Lost Property

Please put your children's name on... everything! Despite our best efforts, we continually have large amounts of (un-named) lost property including coats, lunch bags, shoes(?), water bottles and of course uniform, especially jumpers. Please ask at the office if you want to look through the lost property as we do need to clear these out periodically.

Forthcoming dates

The term dates for 26-27 are [available here](#).

INSET days are already confirmed for Thursday 6th May (polling day) and Friday 7th May 2027. There will be three other INSET dates over the course of the year. I will update everyone with dates when these have been confirmed.

Our first parent consultation evenings will be on Mon 12th and Wednesday 14th October (3:30 – 6:40pm). The focus will be on how your child has settled in, any particular points to discuss for the year ahead and teachers will offer some guidance on how you can further support your child's learning at home (booking details will be provided closer to the time). In the meantime, should you wish to speak to your class teacher, staff are often available after school, or please contact the office and they will get aim to get back to you within 48 hours. Unless urgent, please can I ask parents to avoid discussions with staff at the start of the day, as their priority needs to be getting the children in, settled and registered.

We will message classes / year groups separately regarding any trips etc as dates are confirmed.

Google Classroom

Please remember to check your child's Google Classroom (via Hwb) once or twice a week if you can, photos, updates and learning overviews are posted there, as well as in class learning you can view. The overview plan for the Autumn term should be posted by the end of next week.

Kind Regards

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