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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome!

Welcome back to everyone who returns to Beetham CE Primary School and welcome to all our new starters – children and staff. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

As you are all aware, I have been appointed headteacher after the retirement of Ms Nicholas. I am very excited to join the Beetham team and wish to work in collaboration with staff, children, parents, families, church and community to continue the great work that is already being done at Beetham. I hope to meet all of you over the coming few weeks and will endeavour to make myself available each morning on the playground before school begins and at the end of the day.

We also welcome Miss Stewart who will be teaching mainly KSI in an afternoon but will also teach in KS2 on a Monday morning as well as doing some supply cover when needed.

Throughout the school we welcome Ivy, Rosie and Edward in Nursery, Jack in Reception, Toby in Year 2 and Lucy in Year 5. I'm sure all children will settle in quickly and enjoy everything that makes Beetham CE School so unique.

Below is information for the start of term and beyond. Please discuss anything relevant with your child before they start school so they know what to expect. I apologise for the length of the information but I feel it is important to keep you all informed about all routines and protocols.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will run from 8am each morning. There is no need to book this service just drop children off at the Garden Room door when you arrive at school. Children will be asked to wash or sanitise hands on arrival. Invoices for this service will be sent out via ParentMail on a monthly basis and charged at £3.50 per child per day attended.

Entrance to school.

School officially begins for all children at 8.55am where the register will be taken. However, children in EYFS (Reception and Nursery) and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) can be dropped off from 8.45am each morning at the appropriate drop off point – the Rainbow Room for EYFS and the side gate for KSI. Children will be asked to either wash or sanitise hands on entry and then given a task to complete before school officially starts. KS2 children (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) can be dropped off on the playground from 8.45am where a member of staff will be on duty. At 8.55am, when the bell is rung, children in Years 3 and 4 will enter via the Rainbow Room and Years 5 and 6 will enter via the Garden Room. Again, children will either wash or sanitise hands on entry. Children who are at Breakfast Club will be sent to their appropriate classrooms from 8.45am. When dropping off parents are encouraged to remain socially distanced. If you are late then please use the front entrance to enter the building.

Snacks and water

As a school we actively promote healthy eating and as such request that children bring only fruit or vegetable for a snack. It is important for children to stay hydrated throughout the day so children will need to bring a named water bottle each day. This can be refilled when required.

Lunches

Children in EYFS and KSI are entitled to a free school meal. Children in Nursery and KS2 can order a school meal through ParentMail. This is done on a termly basis and where required will be paid through ParentMail.





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Collection of Children

The school day ends at 3.15pm. Children will be brought onto the front playground and dismissed by their teacher. Please could parents of EYFS children go to the Rainbow Room door to collect children. Again, please respect people's personal space when waiting to collect your child. If your child is booked in to Tea Club they will go straight to the Garden Room at the end of the day.

Tea Club

Tea club runs from 3.15pm to 4.15pm or 5.30pm (4.45pm on a Friday) and must be booked a week in advance through ParentMail. Sessions are charged at £4.00 for the first hour and then a further £4.00 for the second hour and fifteen minutes (£2.50 on a Friday for reduction in time). Invoices will be sent out via ParentMail on a monthly basis. Please collect children from the front entrance.

Sport and PE

As you may have seen, the school field has had an upgrade over the summer. There is now an all-weather track in place so that the field can be used all year round. It's great to have this addition to the field and I'm sure the children will enjoy being able to spend more time there.

Children are asked to come to school in their PE Kits on days they have PE timetabled. For EYFS and KS1 this is on a Monday and Thursday. For KS2 this is on a Wednesday and Friday. We continue to welcome Mrs Colyer, Mr Harris and Lucy for PE lessons providing specialist teaching each week.

Swimming

Swimming will take place throughout the year for all groups of children. We begin with KS2 swimming on a Tuesday afternoon. All children need to ensure they bring with them their swimming costume, towel and goggles where agreed.

Uniform

A uniform helps to promote high standards and create a sense of belonging. All items of the school uniform are available from the online shop or on the high street (with the exception of items showing the school logo). There is also a nearly new sale held at different points throughout the year if you have items you would like to donate or purchase.

Children are asked to bring in a spare set of clothes, including a spare set of shoes, in their bag or to leave on their peg. This is for use if children have an accident or get wet in the rain or when playing on dewy, wet grass etc. If possible, EYFS children also need to bring a set of wellies that they can leave at school.

Worship

Each day children will take part in an act of Collective Worship. This may take the form of whole school led by a member of staff, clergy, pupils or visitor or Class worship where children remain in their classrooms to explore issues at their own level. With the lifting of some restrictions it is great to be able to tell you that we will be welcoming Father Andrew into school on a weekly basis to lead worship as well as visiting church for some of our celebrations on Friday afternoons. Please see the dates section to find out when celebrations will be held at church.

This term we will be looking at the school values. We will be spending a week looking at each of the twelve values before refining these down to what we consider to be the three most important values. I will also be looking to consult parents, carers and families in the future so watch this space.

Absences

Please can all absences be reported to the school via ParentMail.

COVID 19

If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19 then they are advised to isolate and book a PCR test as soon as possible.

Rules around self-isolation have changed recently. The updated self-isolation rules mean:

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS





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- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:

- get a [PCR test on GOV.UK](#) to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#)
- consider limiting contact with [people who are at higher risk from COVID-19](#)

[To find out more about the rules and guidance around self-isolation, visit the NHS website.](#)

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2nd September – Term begins for all children.
Tuesday 7th September – KS2 swimming begins weekly until half term.
Friday 10th September – Tim Farron to open school field. 9am.
Friday 24th September – Family Michaelmas service in Church - 2.30pm
Friday 1st October – Harvest festival in church - 2pm
Friday 22nd October – Break up for Half term.
Monday 1st November – Children return to school.
Thursday 11th November – Remembrance Service at the Memorial.
Friday 19th November – Children in Need.
Thursday 16th December – Break up for Christmas.

Wednesday 5th January – Term begins for children.
Monday 14th – Friday 18th February – Half term
Friday 1st April – Break up for Easter.

Wednesday 20th April – Term begins for children.
Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – Half term.
Wednesday 20th July – Break up for summer.

A lot of information I know but please take the time to read and digest.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming the children tomorrow and meeting families as they drop off and pick up. In the meantime, if you have any issues you would like to raise or discuss please do not hesitate to contact me by ringing the school office or using the email address a.johnson@beetham.cumbria.sch.uk

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Abi Johnson.

