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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of another exciting year at Mundella Primary School, we trust you are well rested and ready for a busy term ahead.

It can be difficult to get back into routine after an extended break and, with the ever changing guidance around Covid-19, we thought a guide of procedures and changes may help you plan for the start of term.

Term Dates

The children return on **Thursday 2nd September**. A copy of the full term dates can be found on our website, and will be posted on Facebook also.

Drop off and collection

On the first two days (2nd and 3rd September), the school gates will open at 8.30am and close at 8.50am. Years 1-3 to use the 2nd gate (nearest Walton Rd), and years 4-6 will use the main gate.

From 6th September onwards, only the main gate will be in use. Children can arrive between 8.00am-8.45am for a free breakfast (see below), and by 8.45am for normal entry. Any child arriving after 8.50am will be late.

Children can be dropped at the gate in both instances and welcomed by our staff. They will still be expected to sanitise their hands on arrival.

The school day finishes at 3.15pm for all year groups. Parents will be asked to line up along Walton Rd as before. The gate will open at 3.10pm and parents will then be invited to wait in a sensibly spaced area behind the cones; collecting their eldest children first. All families will then leave via gate 2 in a one-way system. We request that, in order to keep numbers low, only 1 parent/family member collects from the playground, and then vacate as soon as you can. Should you wish to talk to the class teacher, please remain on the playground (standing to one side) and then seek attention of the teacher after the class has been dismissed.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

From 6th September we will have a free breakfast club for all children.

Children can be dropped off from 8am without the need to book. Breakfast's will be served in each child's classroom.

8.00-8.20am	Breakfast of cereal offered
8.30am-8.45am	Additional bagel and fruit offered
8.45am	Children expected in school
8.50am onwards	Child late for school

We are also launching a paid afterschool club provision. Please contact Mrs Gretton to book a space or for more information.

Covid-19

We continue to be vigilant with our response to the virus and adopt many safety measures within school. These include;

- Regular cleaning of the school site and washing our hands.
- One way system around school
- Children will attend assemblies as a phase (not whole school), but remain within classes at playtimes.
- Face masks are no longer mandatory but are welcomed for any staff or parents who wish to wear one.
- Regular staff lateral flow testing
- Following national standard test and trace procedures. We will no longer be required to shut a 'bubble' following a positive case, unless a local outbreak occurs, and we are advised by test and trace or Public Health England.

Getting ready for school checklist

- ✓ **Uniform.** Please ensure your child has the correct school uniform and it is clearly labelled. This includes a coat and daily water bottle.
- ✓ **PE kit.** Children have the option to change for PE in school, or attend ready in their kit. A new PE t-shirt will be distributed in the first week. PE days are listed below. If any changes occur, the office will let you know. Please ensure your child has jogging bottoms and suitable trainers. Earrings **must** be removed for PE.
- ✓ **Lunches.** Children will need to book their lunch (including jacket potatoes) during morning registration. Please go through the menu beforehand, so your child knows what they have chosen. Packed lunches must be balanced and healthy. Unhealthy food products will be sent home.
- ✓ **Outdoor Learning and Enrichment** will happen all year round. Please ensure your child has suitable shoes and coat on an OLE day.
- ✓ **Swimming.** Years 4,5 and 6 will swim this year (see below)
- ✓ **Year 6 Walking Home.** Should you wish your child to walk home, please send a signed note or text to the school office. This is a privilege and at the discretion of the school. Poor conduct may lead to losing the option to walk home alone.

Outdoor Learning and Enrichment (1/2 class each day)						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mon/Tue Terms 2&4	Thu/Fri Terms 2&4	Mon/Tue Terms 3&5	Thu/Fri Terms 3&5	Thu/Fri Terms 1&6	Mon/Tue Terms 1&6	Weds PM all terms
PE						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Friday	Tuesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Monday	Thursday	Monday
Swimming						
				Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
				Terms 3-5	Terms 1-6	Terms 1-2

We look forward to welcoming you back on the Thursday 2nd September.

Yours faithfully,



Mr F E Westmorland – Headteacher