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Dear Parents,

As the academic year comes to a close I just wanted to give you some information for September so that you can be prepared.

We have been very lenient with school uniform since our return on the 8th March. From September we will expect all children to be wearing black shoes. **No trainers** will be allowed. All children will be expected to wear a blue shirt, the school tie, our school jumper and either grey trousers, skirt or pinafore. The school jumper can be purchased from MCS Stores, Fog Lane, Didsbury, M20 6EL. The tie can be purchased from the school office and all other items from local supermarkets.

Due to increasing costs, from September Breakfast Club will be £2 a day as we can no longer meet the staffing costs of the service fully. All payments need to be made online using SimsPay.

Again, we have been very lenient with punctuality and attendance because of Covid restrictions. We will be monitoring it closely from September, especially punctuality. There are approximately 20-30 children arriving late after 9am each day. Children miss very important teaching at the beginning of each lesson. It is really important that children come to school on time.

The current guidance around bubbles and self-isolation for children will be removed for when we return in September. However, as infection rates in Manchester are so high we are going to continue with our bubble system but all children will now finish at 3.15pm. We will also continue not allowing visitors or parents into school for the time being. We are hoping in time we can change this. However, unless identified as a hot spot we should no longer be closing whole classes. This is a huge relief as I know how difficult this has been for many of you.

The staffing for September is as follows:

Nursery- Mrs Narciso, Mrs Holt, Miss Ockerby

Reception- Miss Zafar, Mrs Shannon, Miss Broomhead

Year 1- Miss Woodhouse, Miss Fox

Year 2- Miss Seabright, Mrs Kelly

Year 3- Mr Owen, Miss Tucker

Year 4- Miss Dromey, Mr Taylor

Year 5- Miss Mason, Mrs Sheikh

Year 6- Mr Bourne, Mrs Van Es, Mrs Fahey

Nurture- Mrs Bird, Mrs Nathaniel

Therapeutic Provision- Mrs Freeman

Finally, I just want to thank you all for what has been a very difficult year. Your support and appreciation of all our efforts to keep everyone safe has been tremendous and we are really blessed to have such tremendous children and families to work with.

We look forward to the new academic year and very much pray that our beautiful little school can return to 'normal'

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E. Eccles', written in black ink.

Mrs. E. Eccles

Headteacher