

**6 September 2022**

**Start of the New School Year**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all been able to enjoy a happy and restful Summer Break.

We are looking forward to welcoming the pupils into school tomorrow morning.

Staff have been working hard during the Summer to get classrooms ready and there have been some building works completed, including a new "pod" at the back of Wallabies class creating an additional learning space and a lovely awning in the Middle Dept playground providing much-needed shade / cover.

There are on-going building works to provide an extension to the Support for Learning rooms. We are working closely with the Site team and Contractors to ensure that there is minimal disruption for the pupils. The works are scheduled to be completed by Christmas, but may last until February Half Term if there are any delays. I will keep you updated on progress.

Over the Summer, a new phone system has been installed and there have been a few initial glitches. Apologies to those of you who have tried to contact school and been unable to. We are working to resolve the problem. Thanks for your patience.

As mentioned at the end of last term, there will be some new arrangements for dropping off pupils at the start of the day: the parent parking bays will be one row further down and will lead directly on to the pedestrian crossing. We will then ask that parents walk the children round the pavements at the side of the Chamwell Centre to the Parent Gate as buses will be exiting through the double green gates.

There will be some temporary fencing in place to help guide pupils and keep them away from the buses exiting the football cage.

We will also be asking that **pupils are dropped off between 9am and 9.15am** to ensure that learning starts promptly. The gates will close at 9.15am.

Foundation pupils should be brought through the gates, rather than parents having to wait along the pavement. Pupils will either go directly onto the Foundation playground, or be guided into classroom by staff.

Pupils in Purple and Green Classes can be taken to the gate in the Purple Class play area.

Staff will be on hand to support and guide, especially at the start of term.

Your child's new class team will be able to give further information.

The arrangements for the end of the day are unchanged, with collection at 3.15pm, but the double gates will again be open to allow the buses to exit the cage, so if you collect your child from the parent gate, please keep to the footpath.

With very best wishes for a happy and successful Autumn Term,

**Diane Taylor**

Principal

The Milestone School