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Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: NEW SCHOOL YEAR

The following information is designed to help prepare for the year ahead.

School Day

Our school start and finish times have changed for September due to our Covid 19 risk assessment. We will shortly be uploading the new risk assessment onto the school website and ask that parents please read. These timings will remain in place at least until October Half term.

Pupils welcomed into class	Nursery – 9am (Morning) 1pm (Afternoon) Reception – 9am. Year 1 – 8:55am Year 2 – 8:55am Year 3 – 8:50am Year 4 – 8:50am Year 5 – 8:45am Year 6 – 8:45am
End of school day	Nursery – 11:45am (Morning) 3:15pm (Afternoon) –Collection from Bottom Playground Reception – 3:15pm Collection from Bottom Playground Year 1 – 3:20pm Collection from Red Court – Top Playground Year 2 – 3:20pm Collection from Green Court – Top Playground Year 3 – 3:25pm Collection from Bottom Playground Year 4 – 3:25pm Collection from Bottom Playground Year 5 – 3:30pm Children are able to walk home alone or collection from top playground. Consent forms must be completed Year 6 – 3:30pm Children are able to walk home alone or collection from top playground. Consent forms must be completed



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Children in Year 5 & 6 with written permission will be allowed to walk home daily without needing to be collected by an adult. A letter was emailed to parents for parental permission. The end-of-day collection system will continue for those children who do not have daily permission to walk home.

Reading Books

Children will bring one book home each week, but please feel free to supplement your child's reading with other books from home our book swap library or the local library. We expect children to read with their parents daily and for reading diaries to be completed by parents. Please ensure that your child brings their reading book in every day.

Uniform

Our school uniform is:

Reception to Year 4 – White polo top, grey skirt or trousers, black school shoes, white or grey socks or tights, Official purple cardigan or jumper, Official purple book bag, Official purple PE Kit bag. Our PE kit is white T-shirt, black sports shorts, black plim soles, white socks. Additional Outdoor kit – black jogging bottoms.

Year 5 & 6 – White school shirt, Official school tie, grey skirt or trousers, black school shoes, white or grey socks or tights, Official purple cardigan or jumper, small backpack. Our PE kit is white T-shirt, black sports shorts, white socks. Additional Outdoor kit – black jogging bottoms. Children are expected to have a small backpack which is clearly named to fit a locker the size of 25cm Height x 34cm Width. This locker will hold their school bag and PE kit.

Official school clothing items including bags can be purchased from Best Look in Dunstable.

Please ensure that the children have the correct uniform in good time, ready for their first day back in September. Children will be expected to wear black school shoes throughout the year.

Children must not wear jewellery, make-up or nail varnish in school and stud earrings must be removed on P.E Days.

It is essential that children have the correctly named, full P.E. kit in school every day throughout the year.

School Office

Should you need to contact the school office, please do so through telephone or email. We are unable to allow parents to call in due to risk assessment measures put in place. The school office is cash free and no cash payments will be taken. Dinners must be paid for using Parentpay.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Breakfast and Afterschool club will be run by an external company called Kidz Zone from September. Please note that children who attended our Breakfast and Afterschool club will still need to book direct with Kidz Zone Club. No bookings can be made through the school Office. To book your child onto a place please book online at www.kidzzoneclub.com

Dinners

Dinners will be payable in advance using ParentPay. Our menu is available on <https://www.aspens-services.co.uk/schools/thornhill-primary-school/>

Mobile phones for Years 5 & 6

We understand that for the personal safety of children walking to or from school without an adult,



parents/carers may wish them to have a mobile phone. Year 5 & 6 children will only be allowed to bring a mobile phone into school if they have written permission to walk to or from school on their own. No mobile phones will be needed for children being dropped off and collected by an adult.

All mobile phones must be handed in to the classroom adults on arrival and must not be kept in lockers or in the child's personal possession. Phones will be stored securely by the class teacher at the parents/carers' own risk. All mobile phones must be turned off during the school day. Should a child be found using a mobile phone without permission whilst on school premises, the phone will be taken to the school office and parents/carers will be asked to collect the phone on behalf of their child.

Lockers for years 5 & 6

Children will be issued lockers in which they will store their belongings, including their P.E. kit bag, pencil case (provided by the school) and school bag. These lockers will be identified to help children know which is their own and they will be expected to keep them tidy, clean and free from damage. Children will not require a book bag and should instead should bring a small rucksack. Please note that the lockers are small and therefore only a small rucksack is required.

Water Bottles

Children are to bring in their own named water bottle which will be returned for cleaning.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Many Thanks
Yours sincerely

Mrs Waite
Head Teacher

