



19th July 2024

Getting Ready for September

Dear Families,

We know this time of year is incredibly busy but we wanted to share with you some important information and reminders to help get ready for next academic year. Don't worry – we'll remind you of everything again in September – we just want to keep you informed.

Lunchtime Provider

- Our new lunchtime provider ABM will be taking over from September. They are introducing exciting new salad trolleys and dessert stations. Look out for the new menus and make sure you have completed [this form](#) if your child has dietary requirements. You can read more on our [website](#).

Communication APP – Reach More Parents

- You told us that having so many different systems for communication and payments is frustrating and confusing. From September, we will be using a new Parent App which will be a single point of communication and payment. Look out for welcome letters coming later today.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

- **We will be going outside every lunchtime whatever the weather!**
- Children will need wellies or a spare pair of old shoes in school **every day** for lunchtimes.
- We highly recommend waterproof trousers for the wet days and muddy play
- **EVERYONE MUST HAVE A COAT**

Healthy Schools

We are continuing to work towards the Healthy Schools Mark. To help with this:

- Only water in water bottles – we have a new water cooler being installed for the children too
- Only fresh or dried fruit for morning snack time
- No chocolate or sweets in lunchboxes

Uniform

- Children will continue to wear PE kit for the whole day if they have PE
- PE days will be shared in September
- Trainers worn on both PE days and with school uniform **MUST BE PLAIN BLACK**.
- Football boots only to be worn at football club

Pierced Ears

- If your child is planning to get their ears pierced this summer, **please do it as early as possible** because they will not be able to take part in PE/swimming/forest school until they can remove them (normally six weeks).

Pencil Cases

- Children in Year 1-6 are invited to bring a pencil case into school. Please make sure these are small enough to fit in a tray.
- It would be helpful to include:

- Writing pencils
- Colouring pencils
- A ruler
- A rubber and sharpener
- Pritt sticks (glue stick)
- Children in Years 5 and 6 are welcome to bring blue handwriting pens (no biros please)

Swimming

- Swimming has been a huge success for children in years 3-6 this year and we are delighted to be able to continue with this next year. Each Key Stage 2 class will swim weekly for six weeks at Sawston Village College.

Forest School

- Excitingly, we have also been able to secure a minimum of six weeks of forest school again for **every class** next year. You will receive more information before your child's sessions.

We hope this gives you the information you need to help you prepare for your child's next year in school. As always, if you have any questions, please contact the school office.

With kind regards,

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Headteacher