



4th September 2023

Autumn Term 2023 – Welcome Back.

Dear parents/carers

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break and would like to offer you, in advance, a warm welcome back to school. Within this letter it will detail a range of information and reminders that will hopefully support your child's return to school for this coming academic year.

Timings

School starts at 8:30am and gates open at 8:25am. Gates close at 8:40am.

Children will be ready to be collected at 3:25pm, Gates open at 3:20pm.

Children will be ready to be collected at 1:15pm on Fridays, Gates open at 3:10pm.

As the year goes on, **all enquiries or questions can be directed**, via the **school office staff (Mrs Cox/Miss Winters)**, to the **appropriate member of staff**, or to the any of the following **members of the leadership team**:

- Mrs Dodd (Assistant Head and EYFS/KS1 phase leader)
- Mrs Robinson (Assistant Head and KS2 phase leader)
- Mrs Holdcroft (Curriculum Lead)
- Mr Fergusson (LKS2/Y3-4 phase leader)
- Mrs Russell (SENCO/Inclusion)
- Mrs Heer (Safeguarding/Inclusion)

If you have any further questions or concerns, please ask to speak to any of the above staff.

Transition information

Preparing children for moving to their next year group was a real success over the course of the Summer Term and we were delighted with the number of parents/carers that were able to join us to meet their child's new teacher and join their child in their new classroom setting.

Polite reminder, our decision that **Year 6 children will not be allowed to walk home alone until later in the Summer Term** (to aid their transition to secondary) remains in place for all Year 6 children. All children in Year 6 will need to be collected at the end of a school day as usual.

School Uniform- Winter Uniform

As a school, we are proud of our school uniform and we very much appreciate your adherence to our uniform expectations. **Summer uniform may still be worn until autumn half term but after the half term holiday, children must wear our winter uniform.** Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to our school ethos and helps to set an appropriate tone. Please ensure that you advise year group staff as to why your child isn't wearing any aspect of the school uniform at any time so that they do not have to approach you unnecessarily. We thank you in advance for supporting us in upholding our standards.

Our uniform is as follows:

Cardigan/ jumper – green (cardigans/ jumpers with the school logo are available from Kids Corner but not

- a requirement);
- Skirt / pinafore/ trousers / shorts – grey;
- Blouse/ polo shirt – white;
- Green school summer dresses; (optional in the summer term)
- Socks – black / grey / white;
- Plain black shoes must be worn; trainers are not acceptable nor open-toed sandals.

A few reminders regarding uniform:

- **Plain black shoes** must be worn; trainers are not acceptable.
- **We do not allow the wearing of jewellery other than one pair of stud earrings** (which children must bring in **plasters to cover these with during PE** and after school sports sessions).
- **Nail varnish and make up are also not allowed.**
- Please ensure that all **uniform is clearly labelled.**

Our uniform supplier is Kids Corner (11 Showell Circus, Wolverhampton WV10 9BA). Please call 01902 863222 if you require any further information.

Attendance/Absence and Holidays in Term Time:

Attendance in school remains compulsory and our policy on attendance, reporting children's absences and holidays in term time needs to be adhered to. **If your child is too ill to attend school, then parents must phone the school office by 9am to let us know the reason why their child is not in school—unexplained absences are recorded as "unauthorised"**. It is then your responsibility to contact school before 9am on any future days of illness, so our registers are kept up to date. If you are unable to contact the school office via phone, please email in by 9am with the reason for your child's absence:

perryhallprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk.

Our policy reflects the government's stance on holidays in term time. Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) for a leave of absence in term time, if it fulfils the local authority's criteria, will be issued by the local authority. Please can parents/carers be aware of this when booking any holidays, trips etc. *Please also note that school do not benefit from these fines – they are from the local authority.*

PE Days





To confirm, on your child's **PE day** they should continue to come into school wearing their **full PE kit (plain black jogging bottoms, their house coloured t shirt (Reception-Year 6) or a plain white t shirt (Nursery), plain black jumper/zip up if required and trainers)**. Plain black jogging bottoms may be replaced with plain black shorts if the weather allows. Large logos and slogans must be avoided. You will have been informed prior to the holiday which house colour your child is in (red/yellow/green/blue) to reflect the colour t shirt they need to wear child- any questions regarding this please speak with your child's class teacher to confirm. PE will begin the second week back:

Nursery	Small group activities throughout the week.	Year 3	Wednesday
REP	Thursday	Year 4	Tuesday
RCR	Wednesday	Year 5	Monday (5JP) & Tuesday (5MJ)
Year 1	Friday	Year 6	Swimming Wednesday (6MH) and Thursday (6JS)
Year 2	Monday		

Swimming will start the second week back.

School Meals/Lunches

This academic year, the cost of a **school meal** is **£2.80** to be **paid**, as usual, via **parent pay**. As you aware from communication last term, as of 1st September, our new catering supplier is 'Caterlink'. Our new confirmed menu can be access on our school website: <https://www.perryhall.co.uk/school-meals/>

Healthy School Status

As a '**healthy school**', we ask for your support in ensuring your child's **morning snack and lunchbox contains healthy options**. A break time snack can consist of a piece of fruit or a fruit bar: children are not allowed to eat crisps or chocolate bars at this time. Research links healthy eating with healthy minds and optimal thinking and learning at school. We also encourage our children to **keep hydrated** as much as possible from their **labelled water bottles** they are to bring into school each day. Again, drinking regularly has positive benefits for children's health, well-being, concentration, physical performance and behaviour.

End of Day/Session Collection Arrangements

As previously shared, access to the school will remain the same. The Gates will open at 3:20pm and pupils will be ready for collection at 3:25pm, 1:15pm on Friday.

Whilst staff get to know their new families, **please do not be offended if you or any named person on your child's collection list are asked for your child's password or asked to show ID when collecting your child**. Safeguarding is at the forefront of everything that we do at Perry Hall and I expect staff to be overly cautious when dismissing children for your child's safety. If you have any concerns around this, please speak to me directly. Please ensure that you can recall your child's password ahead of the academic year and if any changes need to be made to this, please do so via the school office on your child's first day back in school.

Breakfast Club and After School Club Summer Term Bookings

Perry Hall 'Kids Club' resumes as normal from Tuesday 5th September. All details of timings and prices can be found within your transition booklets. Bookings for this coming term should have already been made, however, any last minute bookings should be made asap by emailing phbreakfast-asc@perryhallmat.co.uk or by





completing the booking form if you already have a copy and staff will do their best to accommodate your request if we are not already full. As you are already aware, after school club provision is only available Monday to Thursday.

Medical Reminders

All inhalers, epi-pens and any medication that your child requires to take during the school day **MUST be in school on their first day back in school**. A letter was sent at the end of last academic year, requesting for you to collect a **new medication form** from the school office for you to complete over the summer holidays if your child will be requiring medication again this coming academic year. **Medication cannot be given in school in September until new forms have been completed, signed and returned to school via the school office**. Please ensure that all **medication is prescribed and is in date**.

If your child is on a **long term health care plan**, this will continue but will be **reviewed with you over the course of the academic year**. If any immediate changes do need to be made, please ensure you inform us on your child's first day back in school or via phmedical@perryhallmat.co.uk.

Contact Information

It is extremely important that we have your most up to date **contact information – address, phone number, etc** – so that we can easily contact you during an emergency. **Please ensure that any updates are made via the office on your child's first day back in school**.

Further Correspondence

Upon your child's return, over the course of the week, you will receive:

- This year's **Home School Agreement** and this year's **Consent Form** document which you will need to read, agree to and return to school.
- Your child's **Autumn Term Curriculum Overview/Year Group Information** document and also their **Autumn Term Topic Homework Grids** document. These will provide you with detailed information regarding the subjects and curriculum which your child will engage with during the Autumn Term and suggestions of how you are able to support your child from home should you wish.
- The **Autumn Term after school club letter** (this letter will be sent out as soon as sessions are confirmed) will be sent out on Thursday 7th September.

I am thoroughly looking forward to welcoming all of our children, existing ones and new ones, back into Perry Hall for the start of our new school year. As a staff, we are extremely keen to continue to build upon our already positive partnerships between home and school, to ensure that children make the most of their learning opportunities and can thrive. Please make sure that you make use of our 'open door policy' to address any worries or concerns you may have.

We look forward to seeing all Year 1-6 children back into school tomorrow, Tuesday 5th September, and all of our EYFS children back in over the course of their staggered starts.

Yours sincerely
Mr L Fellows
Headteacher.