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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you again for all of your co-operation over the last year and a half. Now that we are starting to see positive cases in school again, please continue to be as vigilant as possible and keep your children off school and book a PCR test for them if they develop any Covid symptoms. Thank you to those families who have already done this – we really appreciate it.

### Start Times

Please note that school is not open until 8:45. Mr Prowse will open the gates at 8:40 so that you can walk around to your class entrances, but no-one needs to arrive any earlier. This week, some of the children have been arriving earlier and playing unsupervised on the yards. We are pleased that the children are keen to come to school, but please don't send them until 8:45!

### Parking

Some of our local residents have complained about parking issues. Please try to walk to school or park further away and walk a short distance. If you do have to park near school, please do so safely and considerately and take care not to block the footpaths or people's drives.

Please also remember that our school carpark is for staff and school visitors only and should not be used by parents during the school day. Thank you.

### Naming Uniforms

Please do your best to name your child's clothes, water bottles, PE kits, coats, shoes etc. We already have a mountain of lost property after only a few days. Children are terrible at looking after their things, so please don't assume that your child won't lose something – we can pretty much guarantee that every child will lose something at least once a term!

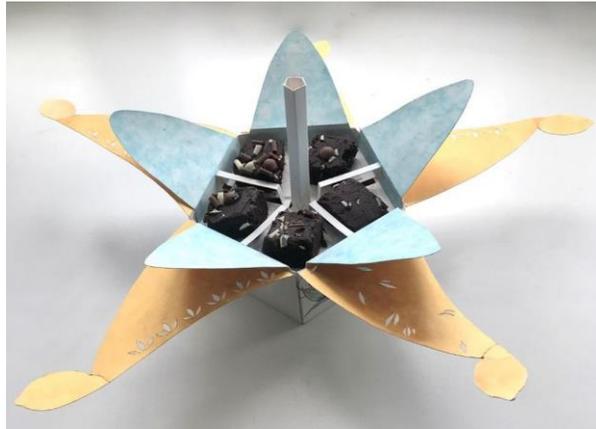
You don't need fancy labels – I've always found that a biro works well enough on most clothes. (Just check it every now and then to make sure it hasn't washed off).

### Grapes

Lots of children are bringing in bags of ready-prepared fruit to eat at lunchtime. Whilst we are really pleased to see them eating something so good for them, several have contained whole grapes which can be a choking hazard, particularly for younger children. It would be worth being aware of this when you are choosing fruit for your children.

## Congratulations

Huge congratulations to our ex-pupil, Amanpreet Kang, who has won the 2021 Pro Carton Public Choice Award for her packaging design for local business, The Velveteen Rabbit Luncheon Club.



Amanpreet has been studying at the Northern College of Art and she was competing against designers from all over Europe. We are so proud that one of our ex-pupils has done so well. Fantastic news Amanpreet – I always remember how creative, careful and beautiful your artwork was!

## Collecting Children from Year 1 and 2

At the end of the day, please could parents stand back from the classroom doors (ideally, just behind the long gutter/drain that runs across the yard). The children will line up just inside the door and their teachers will only let each child leave if they can point out the adult who has come to collect them. This is easier for the children to do if the adults are all a little further away. Thank you for your help with this.

## Great North Run

This Sunday, I will be running the Great North Run and helping to raise money for The Russ Devereux Headlight Project.

The Russ Devereux Headlight Project was founded in memory of Russell Devereux by his wife Catherine. Russ tragically died by suicide on 6 May 2018 aged 41 leaving behind three young children. The aim of the project is to work with children, delivering emotional resilience programmes in schools. The Project also offers play therapy for children and one to one counselling for both children and adults and has a particular focus on helping families bereaved by suicide.

Some of the children in our school are lucky enough to have been supported by the Headlight Project. If anyone wants to donate to the charity, please use this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/runningforrussteam2021>

Thank you.

## Important Diary Dates

20/09/2021

This will be a PD Day and the children will not be in school.

There will be two more PD Days (staff training days) to be booked at some point during the year. We will let you know about these as soon as they are booked.

**If you are waiting for a test result for your child and you receive it when school is closed (e.g. in the evening or over a weekend), please inform us by email to this address:**

**[fairfieldcovidtestresults@outlook.com](mailto:fairfieldcovidtestresults@outlook.com) .**

**Please do not use the normal school email as this is very difficult for staff to access from home.**

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