

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is a pleasure to welcome all our families to Emmanuel for the start of the new academic year. I hope you had a wonderful Summer and it has been great hearing all the exciting adventures being retold by the pupils and seeing them reconnect with their friends. The pupils have done a fantastic job of settling back into school routines and a special mention must go to our new starters who have had a hugely positive first two days. I do not remember the start of the school year being as wet as this one but this is an appropriate opportunity to remind children to bring a seasonally appropriate coat at all times in the year as the children will go outside at breaktime unless the rain is torrential. Being inside all day is not conducive to effective learning. Thank you for supporting your children to do this.

We wish to share some helpful start of term information with you in the hope that it answers any queries you may have.

Making contact with school

Your child's class tutor is always your first port of call so please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange to speak with them and they will respond as soon as they can.

Uniform

A reminder that skirts should not be rolled and shirts should be tucked in, apart from at break times and lunchtimes. Also children are allowed to wear one pair of stud earrings, which will need to be removed for PE or taped up (please supply your child with tape). Hair length, style and colour should be reasonable, not represent extremes of fashion, be one tone and natural in colour. There should not be lines cut into hair or any hair length be shorter than a grade 1. Also a reminder that only cover up concealer may be worn, no other make-up will be allowed.

Equipment

Tutors will check children's equipment on a daily basis in the morning registration. Children should have the following in their pencil cases: blue handwriting pens, pencils, purple pen, pink pen, green pen, ruler, rubber and a glue stick. Colouring pencils, highlighters and a sharpener would be useful but are not a requirement. We will continue to provide a whiteboard, whiteboard rubber and whiteboard pen and children can get a new pen showing that theirs has run out. Demerits will be given for lost or a lack of equipment as we want the children to take responsibility and be prepared for their learning. We run a weekly stationery shop on a Tuesday at lunchtime in the shared area between Year 5 and Year 6 where children can buy individual items or a whole pencil case for a very reasonable price.

Handwriting pen 50p
Pink, Green and Purple pen 20p each
Long ruler 40p
Short ruler 30p
Eraser 30p
Pencil 30p
Protractor 30p
Water Bottle £2
Pencil Case £1.50
Glue Stick £1



Homework

Homework will begin from Friday 13th September and children will be encouraged to write any homework information into their diaries.

Library opening

The Library is open on the following days at break and lunch times to:

Monday: Y5
Tuesday: Y6
Weds: Everybody
Thurs: Y7
Friday: Y8



At breaktime the children are expected to visit the library first, after lesson 2, to change books and they may stay and read or, if they wish, they can make their way outside to have their snack for the last 10 minutes of break.

At lunchtime children can choose to come to the library and stay to read.

Snacks at breaktime

We encourage the children to bring a healthy snack that they can eat at breaktime. It is a long morning with four lessons and with lunch starting at 1pm, a snack at breaktime is really important for fuelling their bodies and minds.

Attendance

Your child's attendance percentage will be carried over from last year as we now look at attendance from a yearly overview. If your child finished the last academic year under 90% please be aware that they will not have absences authorised without medical evidence, unless there are exceptional reasons which render this inappropriate (for example, a known medical condition); school cannot routinely authorise absence where a child's attendance has reached this level of concern. Please continue to notify the school of any absences but please be aware that this does not automatically authorise their absence.

Parking

Please could we ask, if you are driving your children to school, that you respect the local residents and do not park blocking any driveways. Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

All that is left is to wish everyone a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back for the first full week on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker