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Dear parents and carers,

RE: Return to school in September 2021

I hope that you have all been enjoying your summer holiday. We have all missed you and the children and are so looking forward to the children returning to school next week. Thank you all for your patience, support and for the trust you have placed in me and my staff as we journeyed through the past 18 months of COVID-19. Whilst we are not out of the woods yet, it is encouraging to see things getting back to normal.

Although coronavirus is still around, we are pleased that we are now in a position to return to normal practises within school, with little difference to those that existed before the lockdown. I'm sure you have many questions about what school life will look like for you and your child from Monday, so I have tried to think of as many things as I could that you may want to know. That being said, if there is anything I have missed out, or is unclear, please contact the school office (office@wsmacademy.cambs.sch.uk) or send a message through our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WisbechStMaryAcademy) and we will endeavour to answer it for you as soon as possible.

When does my child return to school, are there still staggered timings, and

Children in **Pre-School and Years 1-6** return to school on Monday, 6th September.

Children in **Reception** start school on Thursday, 9th September.

The school day will return to normal timings (pre-COVID). This means there is no longer any staggered drop-off or collection times. For children in Reception to Year 6, doors will open at 8:40am and close at 8:50am. Children who arrive after 8:50am must enter through the school office.

For children in Pre-School at 9:00am and close at 9:10am. Children who arrive after 9:10am must enter through the school office. We are planning to adjust the Pre-School timing this term so that they are in line with school timings. We will keep you updated regarding this throughout the term.

School finishes at 3:00pm for children in Pre-School and Reception and at 3:15pm for children in Years 1-6.

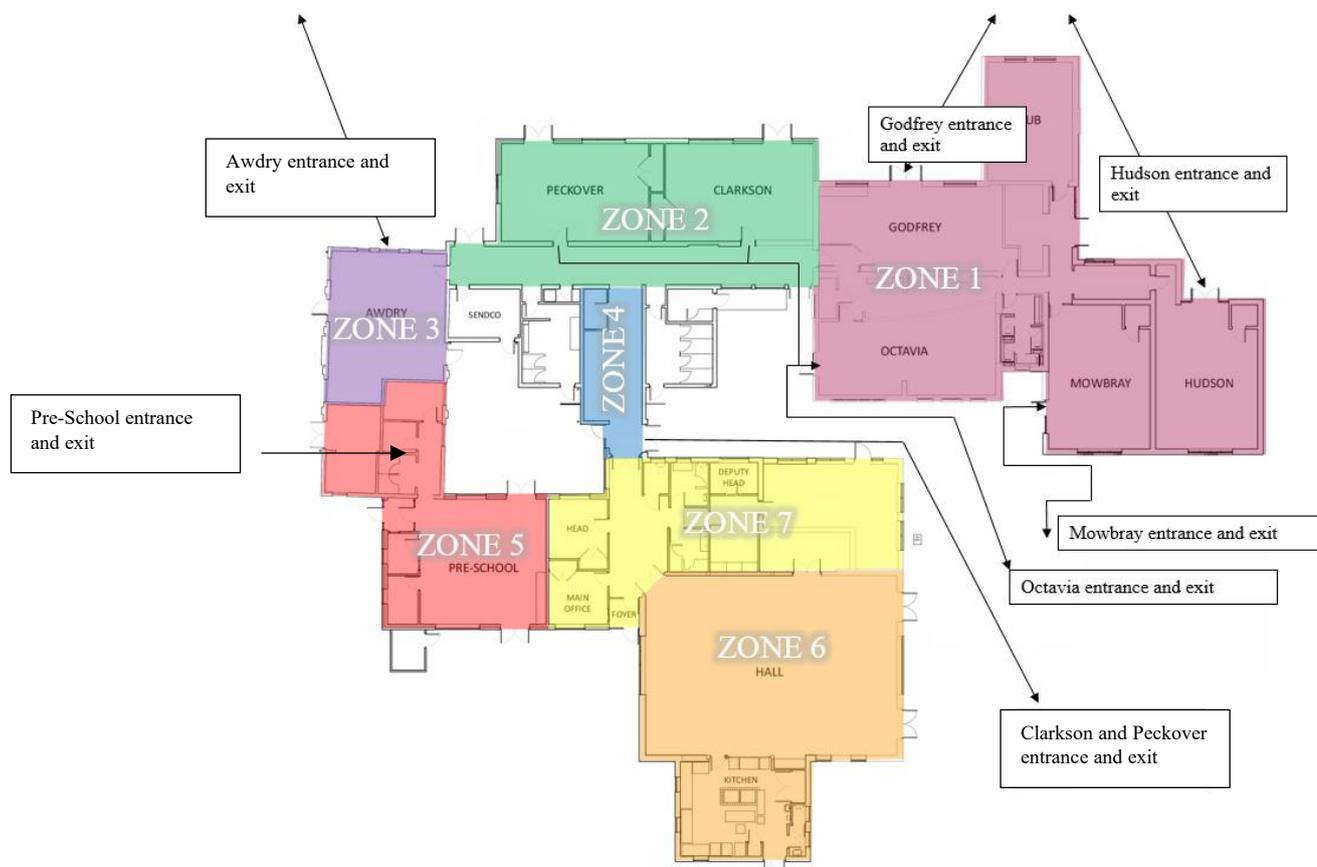


Where do I drop off and collect my child?

Please see below the map which indicates where to drop-off/collect children.

Children who arrive and leave by taxi will enter and leave via the school office.

Children who arrive and are collect by a childminder should enter school via their classes designated entrance.



What is the name of my child's new class?

Reception	Hudson
Year 1	Godfrey
Year 2	Mowbray
Year 3	Octavia
Year 4	Clarkson
Year 5	Peckover
Year 6	Awdry

What is changing and what is staying the same?

We will be continuing with some measures, in line with advice from the government and DFE, such as additional hygiene and cleaning measures, as well as ensuring classrooms, offices, etc. are well ventilated.

We will no longer have the need for ‘bubbles’, meaning the children will have the opportunity to engage with their peers in different classes and we will also have the opportunities to come together as a school community for collective worship, which we have all missed. I can’t wait until the first Monday, when we will all be together in the school hall.

In addition to being allowed to mix with each other, we will also be able to invite you all into school for special events like family cafes, open days, fairs, and parents’ evenings – we can’t wait to see you! More information regarding these events will be sent out to all parents and carers throughout the year.

How do I communicate with my child’s class teacher?

Parents and carers will be able to have face to face conversations with staff, both in school and on the school gate or classroom door as appropriate. In addition, we will still continue to use Tapestry and Class Dojo to share information with parents and carers.

What happens if my child is displaying symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19?

If your child is displaying symptoms, please contact us and follow the PHE and government guidance regarding when to isolate.

If your child is displaying symptoms at school, we will contact you as we would for any other illness, in line with our Infectious Disease Risk Assessment (available on [here](#) our website).

Does my child need to isolate if they have been in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19?

No. In line with updated guidance, your child will not be required to isolate if they have been in contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19. If they develop symptoms of COVID-19, please contact us and follow the PHE and government guidance regarding when to isolate.

What will happen if there is an outbreak of COVID-19 at school?

Whilst we have additional measures in place to reduce the risk of an outbreak at school, should this occur and it results in a partial or full school closure, we will move affected children’s learning to our remote learning offer and will ensure that there is as little disruption to your child’s education as possible. For more information, please see our Outbreak Management Plan (available [here](#) on our website).

For more information about our remote learning offer please visit the Remote Learning section of the school website ([here](#)).



Do we need to wear a face covering and keep our distance if we are on the school site?

In line with current government guidance, face coverings are optional. We ask that where possible you maintain social distancing to others.

When does my child have Forest School and PE?

Class	PE	Forest School
Hudson	Friday	Friday
Godfrey	Monday	Monday
Mowbray	Tuesday	Wednesday
Octavia	Tuesday	Thursday
Clarkson	Tuesday	Thursday
Peckover	Tuesday	Thursday
Awdry	Tuesday	Monday

Please send children in their PE kit/Forest School clothes on their designated days.

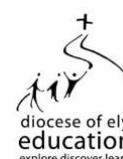
Clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer a wide range of clubs for KS1 and KS2 from Monday 13th September. Please see the table below to see the clubs available – these will be available to book via ParentPay from Monday 6th September (with the exception of Dance). If you have trouble accessing ParentPay, please speak to Mrs Embling or Mrs Marlborough in the school office.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Age Group</u>
Monday	Forest School	Reception, Y1 and Y2
Monday	Art and Craft	Yr3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
Tuesday	Computing	Y1 and Y2
Tuesday	Netball	Yr3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
Wednesday	Choir	Yr3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
Wednesday	Karate	All ages
Thursday	Lego Club	Reception, Y1 and Y2
Thursday	Film Club	Yr3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
Thursday	Dance	All Ages
Friday	Board Games	Reception, Y1 and Y2
Friday	Environment Savers	Yr3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

All clubs are free of charge with the exception of Karate and Dance which are run by specialist teachers. The cost for Karate is £35 for the half term up to and including Wednesday 20th October and should be paid for on ParentPay.

The cost for Dance club is £3 per week and should be booked directly with Mrs Georgina Barham on 07905191030. Payment should also be made directly to Mrs Barham.



School Lunches

Our fabulous kitchen team, Julia Cundell and Jane Radford will be offering delicious, wholesome food every day for your children. The menu is on a 3-week rotation with 4 choices each day including jacket potato and packed lunch option.

Week commencing 6th September is Week 2.

The menu is available on our website [here](#). Please ask at the school office if you would like a paper copy of the menu.

The meals are priced at £2.30 per day and must be paid for in advance via ParentPay. We are unable to provide a school lunch without payment.

Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 children are entitled to a free school meal each day under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme.

Children who are in Year 3 this year are no longer entitled to a Universal Infant Free School Meal. However, if your child is entitled to a free school meal this will not affect them.

If you are in receipt of benefits your child may be entitled to Means Tested Free School Meals – please apply online <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals> or enquire at the school office.

Thank you for your continued support, understanding and patience! If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Miss J Lynch
Headteacher

