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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family have had a lovely summer holiday. My colleagues and I are already preparing for the new school year and we cannot wait to welcome your children back to school in the next few days. I just wanted to present some key information prior to starting back.

### **Training days**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September are staff training days. Families new to the school will also be able to visit classrooms and meet key adults on the morning of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September, which we call our registration morning. Other training days planned for this academic year are: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Please see the calendar page of our [website](#) for details.

### **Start of term**

The new school year starts on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September for all children, though our reception classes are having a phased start and Mrs Loveless will have informed parents of the first days for the children in FS2.

### **New school day times**

Just a reminder that our school day will be slightly longer for FS2 to Y6 pupils:

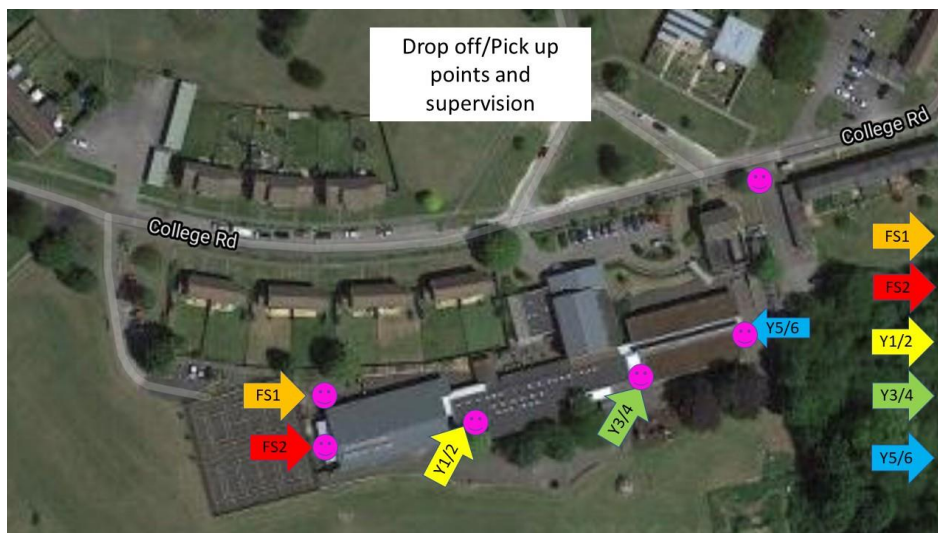
- 0830hrs Gates open
- 0840hrs School register opens (official start of the school day)
- 1515hrs Home time

School gates will be locked until 0830hrs, so please ensure that children do not arrive too early as the school site is not supervised until gates are opened.

### **Extended provision**

We offer breakfast club from 0745hrs and an after school club till 1700hrs. Full details of the pricings and timings of our extended provision are available on [our website here](#). As communicated at the end of last term, we are working hard to expand our provision to accommodate all requests made in light of the new MOD wrap around care scheme. More details in due course.

## Supervision and drop off points



## New members of the team

I am delighted to welcome the following adults who may be supporting your children:

- Mrs H Harvey (Keyworker)
- Miss C Hampson (Teaching Assistant)
- Mrs M Smith (Teaching Assistant)
- Mr J Jolliffe (Y5/6 Class teacher)
- Miss H Burch (Y1/2 Class teacher)

As I mentioned at the leavers' assembly, we congratulate Mrs Robinson (née Whitlock) on her recent marriage.

I would remind all parents that the best way of communicating with teachers is via an office to the email ([office@downlandsschool.org](mailto:office@downlandsschool.org)). We also use a virtual platform called Seesaw for sharing learning journeys across the school year and all new parents will be given access to their child's individual account.

## Weekly Headteacher drop-in sessions

If ever you would like to talk to me in person, I will be available most Friday mornings between 0900 and 0945. You will not need to make an appointment, though we will organise meetings on a first come, first served basis. Conversations will be limited to 15 minutes on these occasions, but I would always be happy to arrange follow-up meetings as required. The first drop-in session will start on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours faithfully