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Newsletter Autumn Term 2021



Dear Parents

Welcome Back

I would like to give a warm welcome back to all our children and families after a well-earned summer holiday. I hope that you all took advantage of the break and now feel refreshed and ready to face the challenges of the new school year. Although we didn't have as much sun as we might have liked, we had some lovely dry weather and I hope that you all made the most of it.

Today we have seen the return of all children in year groups from Year 1 to Year 6. It was wonderful to see everybody again. We sent a letter on Wednesday with the start and end of the day procedures and would like to thank our parents for supporting us. On advice from the Local Authority we have made risk assessments and have retained the procedures from last year for the start of term whilst an assessment can be made of the impact of the general return to school. Therefore, the one way system remains in place and we encourage visitors to wear a face covering. We ask that social distancing is exercised where possible whilst waiting.

There were many 'eager beavers' who arrived at school early and raring to go this morning! Thank you.

The gates will open each day at **08:30** and will remain open until 09:00. Please remember that the start times have changed and that children will be registered as follows:

EYFS - 09:00, Year 1 - 08:55, Year 2 – 08:55, Year 3 – 08:50, Year 4 – 08:50, Year 5 – 08:40, Year 6 – 08:40.

Doors will open 10 minutes prior to registration.

We understand that some families will need to drop off and collect in multiple locations at different times and we are being flexible whilst the new systems are implemented.

If your child is late, we ask that you bring your child to the main door where the office will sign your child in to school and they will be taken to their 'year group bubble'.

In order to ensure the Health and Safety of all our children please remember that if your child will be absent, the school should be contacted by 9.15am. We may phone after this time in order to clarify the situation if your child has not arrived in school and we have not had notification otherwise. On return to school, please can you make sure that we have had communication to explain the reason for your child's absence, in order for the office to accurately maintain our attendance records.

End of the day procedures will continue with the one-way system in operation. Please bear with the staff whilst they get to know the new families – our main aim is to keep all children as safe as possible.



New starters

I would like to give a special welcome to: Jonathan Lo Yr 1, Ruby Bradshaw Yr 2, Horatio Ralphs Yr 2, Sophie Fulham Yr3, Paul Fulham Yr3, Archie Cox Yr5 and Naz Qader Yr 6 who are joining our school. A very warm welcome to these pupils and their families. We now have 573 pupils on role at the school.

EYFS

Our new EYFS children are starting this week on half days with lunch at school. We have 77 children starting in EYFS spread across 3 classes. They are not starting until 09:15 for the first 2 days, but the gates are open earlier and the doors will be open from 09:00. Our morning pupils will leave at 12 noon and parents should collect from Parkers Road following the one way system. Afternoon pupils arrive at 12:30. The gates will not be open until 12:30 to allow us the half hour to clean the EYFS area and complete preparations. Collection is at 3:00 from Parkers Road.

From Monday 6th September **ALL** EYFS will attend for the full day. The doors will be open from 08:50 until 09:00 with the register taken at 09:00. At the end of the day parents should use the Parkers Road gate which will be open for collection at 3:00pm.

Our new starters all looked very smart today. We are so pleased to welcome them to our Mabllins school family.

Staff

Hopefully all children will have now met their new teacher and support staff. Each year group is continuing to work as a 'bubble' with the same staff supporting throughout the day. Classes within a year group may mix occasionally, but there will be little contact between year groups. Year groups have staggered break times with the same staff sharing the duties. Midday assistants have been allocated to 'bubbles' as have cleaners. We are keeping these measures in place until the full impact of the return to school has been established.

New staff

I would like to welcome new members of staff who have joined the team:

Miss E Cross (Y4 teacher), Miss C Parker (Y5 teacher).

Jo Stout (EYFS support), Amanda Patton (EYFS support), Chantelle Gaffney (Y4 Teaching support), Julie Weston (Y5 Teaching support and Emma Fox (Y6 Teaching support).

Di Cooke (MDA) and Emma Kemp (MDA).

Parent's Welcome Meeting

Traditionally at this time of year we would be inviting parents to 'Welcome Meetings' in school to meet the new staff and receive information about how each year group works. We are finalizing details of how these meetings will take place and are hoping that by waiting a couple of weeks we may be able to host these in school. In the meantime each year group has prepared their 'Curriculum Slice' which will be found on the school website next week. This outlines the areas of study for the Autumn Term.

Clubs

The first few weeks back at school will be a time of adjustment for all. Our main focus will be on the safe day-to-day running of the school and providing relevant activities and opportunities to get our children back on track. For September we will not be operating any after school clubs, rather we will focus on the challenge of the day. Going forward we do not want to lose the rich and varied lunch time and after school opportunities that were on offer and will look to re-instate clubs as soon as we possibly can.

Communication

Teachers will be using 'Class Dojo' and will be sending a welcome message to check that parents are signed up. If you have not received a Dojo message by the start of next week then please contact the school office.



Year group emails – we will continue to use year group email addresses. This email box will be monitored by the Year group team.

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year1@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year2@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year3@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year4@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year5@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year6@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Parents can call the school at any time on: 01270 749908 There is an answerphone service available on this number and messages are checked regularly. Calls regarding absence can be left on the answerphone and the registers will be updated accordingly. Parents may wish to email directly to me or via the school office. Addresses are as follows:

Headteacher: head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Office: admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Members of the Senior Leadership Team are present each morning on the main entry doors/gates to school.

A texting service is in place for short messages. Newsletters and other correspondence will be sent by email or paper copies can be made available. If you require more than one copy then do please let us know.

We have a school website. Please regularly check online for lots of additional information. You can also keep up to speed with events as they happen by following our Twitter feed **@MablinsSchool**

Contact details

It is important that the school holds the correct contact details for all our children and families. We may need to phone parents and therefore need the current numbers. Letters and information may be sent by email and therefore we need an up to date contact email address. Please can parents email: admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk if their details have changed over the summer break. If it seems that other parents are receiving information that you have not then please email us directly in order for us to check that we do hold the correct information. Many thanks.

(Communication will be sent in English, but should parents require translation then please let us know as we can offer this service to parents in some cases.)

Photo Permissions

During the course of the day we take lots of photos of the children as they are working and some of these are posted on our Twitter feed or on the school website. PLEASE CAN PARENTS INFORM US IF THEY DO NOT WISH THEIR CHILD TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED in order for us to update our list. Many thanks.

Uniform

It is lovely to see all the children in their school uniform. Second hand uniform is always available please just ask.

Please make sure that **ALL** your child's uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled with his/her name. A quick reminder on school uniform:

Black/grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses

White/pale blue polo shirts

Royal Blue sweatshirt or cardigan

White/grey/black socks or tights

Black school shoes



Uniform can be bought with the Mablins logo online from Cheshire Workwear, their website address is www.getyouruniform.co.uk. Plain items can be purchased from local shops and supermarkets very reasonably.

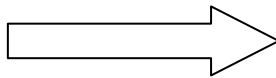
Name Labels

Easy to use name labels can be purchased from the school office. (25 name labels for £2.50 and 5 pairs of shoe labels for £3.00). Labels can be prepared swiftly, no long wait and no postage and packing! Please think about using this service. This will help to significantly reduce our lost property pile. PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

School Lunch Payments

The school kitchen is now fully open and providing hot meals for children across the school.

Please can I remind parents that dinner money is £2.40p per day (£12.00 per full week, £86.40 for this half term of 36 days). Pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal and will not need to send in any payment. Please be reminded that registration is still required for Free School Meals if parents are in receipt of some benefits. This applies to pupils in any year group across the school including EYFS, Y1 and Y2. This registration releases money in to the school budget (Pupil Premium Funding) which helps to support pupil learning. The number to call is 0300 123 5012. If you are unsure if you are eligible or require assistance in your application then do not hesitate to contact the school office. Dinner money is payable in **advance** and is due weekly on a **Monday**, or at the start of the half term. Please send in half termly payments before Monday 6th September if possible. **Children who owe for dinners will not be able to continue until all arrears are paid.** If you are paying for more than one child, please state clearly on the envelope which money is due to which child. Payments should, where possible, be made online via the Cheshire East School Portal [Cheshire East School Epayments](#) If parents are unsure how to do this then please ask at the school office.



Medicine

Some pupils take regular medicine and need to do this during the school day. Please ensure that a new form has been completed for the office and that medication in school is in date and current doses are accurate. We will not be able to administer any medication until forms are signed and complete for this school year. Mrs Eastwood is our designated medical needs support worker and will be contacting families during the next couple of weeks. Please look out for this correspondence and reply accordingly.

Some pupils may need to take a course of medication after a short illness and this may require administering during the school day. We can only administer medicine prescribed by a doctor and to the dose prescribed on the label. A form will need to be completed at the time in the office.

Some pupils will take regular medicine, but this may be outside of school hours. It is useful for us to know if this in case there is an emergency. Please could parents add this to the data sheet or let us know in writing so that we can add this to our records.

Allergies Information ***NUT FREE***

It is very important for you to inform us at school if your child suffers from any allergies. All our staff have been trained to deal with reactions and can work accordingly.

We do have a pupil who has a severe nut allergy and we are therefore becoming a NUT FREE SCHOOL.

Please can all parents support us in this pledge by checking any snacks and lunch box items to make sure that they DO NOT contain any nuts in order to keep all our pupils safe.

Many thanks for your cooperation with this request.





Parking Outside School

The safety of our children is paramount and it is essential therefore that everyone parks thoughtfully and considerately around school. We do have our yellow zig-zag lines giving a clear zone, but I do urge all parents to be vigilant in keeping the front of the school clear. We are hoping that with staggered start and finish times this may help to alleviate the problem. If parking in any of the estates, parents must ensure that they do not park across or block the driveways of our neighbours. Last year we had numerous complaints from our neighbours who have been met with abuse when asking parents not to block their driveways. Anyone parking in a dangerous manner or showing dis-regard will be reported to the police.

Back to school – safely!

Very few parents are aware that children up to the age of 12 are required to use a booster seat of some sort. The only exemption is if a child is taller than 135cm. The full legislation is copied below.

1. Using a child car seat or booster seat

Children must normally use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135cm tall.

Types of child car seat

Which child car seat to use depends on the child's weight.

Type of seat

Weight

Rear-facing baby seats

Babies up to 13kg

Forward or rear-facing baby seats

Children from 9 to 18kg

Forward-facing child car seats (booster seats)

Children from 15 to 25kg

Booster cushions

Children over 22kg

Only EU-approved child car seats can be used in the UK. These have a label showing a capital 'E' in a circle.

It is a frightening fact that if you are involved in an accident, even if you are not at fault and you are found to be committing any offence, be that a bald tyre, using your phone or not using a booster seat, your insurer is unlikely to pay your claim and a prosecution is a possibility.

Could you live with yourself if you injured your child permanently because they were wearing an ill-fitting seat belt? The legislation is there for your child's protection. Please ensure you comply.

Governors

A vacancy has arisen over the summer for a Parent Governor to join the school Board of Governors. If this is something that you might be interested in then please contact the school office for further details.

Finally

May I remind you that I am always available should you have any queries or concerns no matter how small. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school. I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I wish you all a most successful term.

Yours sincerely

Justine Joule

