



Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrangements Across PDP in September 2025

I hope you have all had a lovely summer. Autumn has certainly arrived with a bang and we are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow, Thursday 4th September. I thought it might be helpful to remind you all of a few key points.

- Our new starters in Foundation Stage will begin with a phased intake. You will have received a letter with more information but summer born children will start on Thursday 4th September and will be in school from 8.45-11.45, spring born will join us on Monday 8th September from 8.45-11.45 and autumn born on Wednesday 10th September. They will attend school full time from Friday 12th September.
- We will continue to open up the site at 8.30am. We start closing gates at 8.50 am and all gates will be shut by 9am each morning and then open from 3pm till 3.30pm in the afternoon. The site can be accessed via the Lower Way Gate, Herons Way and Paynesdown Road and you will be able to walk across the site. The popular morning 'kiss and drop' system via Herons Way will remain for children in the Junior School.
- Infant school children (Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2) will start their day at 8.45am and Junior School children (Years 3 to 6) will start their day at 8.40am. This is the time your child should arrive ready for the school day.
- Our Outdoor Play and Learning (**OPAL**) programme will continue. This has been enormously popular and successful. **All children will need welly boots in school to access the site in all weathers.** Each Year group has welly boot storage
- There are no changes to **uniform** policy. Children will no longer wear their P.E kit to school on P.E. days. **P.E kit should be in school every day.** I'd also like to remind you that skirts and trousers should be grey. Black skirts and trousers should not be worn.

- We have changed our catering provider from Dolce to Caterlink, please note that if your account with Dolce was in credit at the end of term, you should have contacted Dolce Customer Care to request a refund. The contact details are: Email: customercare@dolce.co.uk. Telephone: 01942 707709. You should have received an email from ParentPay, with an activation code to set up your account. If you already have a ParentPay account with another school, then the email will provide details of how you add a child to your account.
A key difference for you to note, is that for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, meals can only be ordered via the ParentPay app (which can be done in advance) - children in those year groups will no longer be able to order their meal in class. Years EYFS, 1 and 2 can order (preferably) via ParentPay, but their Teacher will also be able to order for them in class if needed. If you have not already done so, please ensure you have set up your ParentPay account as a matter of urgency, and before the term starts and you want to order a school meal.
- If your child is in the Junior School (Years 3 to 6) they can bring in a healthy snack to eat at breaktime. Chocolate bars and crisps are not permitted at breaktime but are fine for lunchboxes. Children in the infant school continue to be offered fresh fruit, vegetable and occasionally raisins free of charge.
- Please do check out the website for more information about what your child will be learning next year <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/> Year group newsletters will be emailed out on Friday 12th September with more information about what your child will be learning. Weekly newsletters will also begin then.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs Catherine Bull
Headteacher

