

Tuesday 2 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you have all enjoyed a lovely summer break with your families. We are excited to welcome back all of our students on Thursday, 4 September, at 8:40 am.

Attendance and Punctuality

As we embark on a new academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the importance of attendance and punctuality in contributing to the academic and emotional success of our children. Last year, we are pleased to report another improvement in attendance and punctuality when compared to the previous academic year, but this still falls short of our 96% target that we set for all children.

We kindly request that parents arrive for drop off between the hours of 8:40 and 8:50am, arriving at our main school gates on Dunsham Lane and exiting via the one-way system through the Lansdowne Road gate.

School Lunches

Children are welcome to enjoy either packed or hot school lunches. Please remember that hot school lunches must be booked by no later than 9:00pm the night before in order to ensure that all meals can be prepared adequately for your children. Likewise, we ask that packed lunches arrive with children in the morning rather than throughout the day, as this can place unnecessary strain on our office team.

For information regarding eligibility for Free School Meals, please collect a form from the office and return it for processing.

School Active Uniform

A reminder that we will be fully embracing our new active uniform for every day of the week.

- Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece with or without school logo
- Royal blue polo shirt with or without school logo
- Black or navy jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts
- Bookbag with or without school logo (for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
- Waterproof coat and trousers of any colour (for forest school sessions)

- Wellies (for all pupils in 2-Year-Olds, Nursery, Reception and Year 1)
- A warm coat (any colour)
- Trainers (any colour, excluding light-up or Heelys)

Optional items include plain royal blue, navy, or black headwear, such as hijabs or turbans.

Pencil Cases for Pupils in Years 3-6

In preparation for the school year, we would like to remind you of the essential equipment that your child should have in their pencil case. This includes:

- 1 large pencil case (to hold a 30cm ruler)
- 2 HB pencils
- 1 eraser
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 red pen
- 1 highlighter
- 1 glue stick
- 1 30cm metric ruler
- 10-12 colouring pencils

Meet the Teacher Meetings

We encourage all parents/carers to attend a Meet the Teacher Meeting for their child's new class, which will provide details of key class information as well as a curriculum outline for your children. The schedule can be found below:

- Friday, 12 September | Year 6 at 2:45 pm
- Monday, 15 September | Year 2 at 2:45 pm
- Tuesday, 16 September | Year 1 at 2:45 pm
- Wednesday, 17 September | Year 3 at 2:45 pm

- Thursday, 18 September | Year 4 at 2:45 pm
- Friday, 19 September | Year 5 at 2:45 pm
- Friday, 26 September | Reception Coffee Morning at 9:00 am

We look forward to an enjoyable and prosperous year filled with learning and memorable experiences for our amazing students and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Elmhurst School