

Newsletter



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Welcome back!

We are in our new school building and cannot wait to show you and the children around. There has been a delay in the builders finishing the school which has meant that we have had to work very hard to get the school ready for the children in time. This has caused us considerable frustration! As a result, we have not been able to get information to you before now. We apologise for this.

This newsletter will now give you the information you will need to understand how the new school will work so please read it carefully. Any problems, please come and speak to us, we will be out and about around school at the beginning and end of every day.



You will find the biggest challenge for everyone, during the period when the old school is being demolished, will be how you, and the children, access the school at the beginning and end of the day. The old building is in between the new school and our playgrounds so meeting the children on the playground every morning and then taking them out there at the end of every day is no longer going to work. It would mean trying to fit 450 children down one narrow path!

This means that after the first morning, the children will be asked to come into the school straight away in the mornings without lining up. To do this, they are going to have to come in using different entrances to the school site. When you collect the children at the end of the day, you will be asked to use these same entrances. Please use the questions below to help you.

What entrance should I use?

Year Group	Directions for access at the beginning and end of the day
Nursery and Reception	Use Marsden Road pedestrian entrance, go through the second green gate and then walk along the path to the nursery or reception garden gates.
Years 1 and 2	Use the smaller entrance along Allaway Avenue (the old deliveries entrance). Turn to the right and walk through the car park, down the stairs and then down the long narrow path in between the 2 buildings. When you get to the new school, look at the signs on the green gates to find out which way you need to go.
Years 3 and 4	Use the Cheltenham Road entrance, follow the path around the old school and then enter the building using the east stairwell door.
Years 5 and 6	Use the Marsden Road entrance, go through the second green gate and then into the building using the west stairwell door.

What if I have children in more than one year group?

Please use the entrance listed above for the youngest child. The older children will then be able to access their classrooms from inside the school.

What if I have a push chair?

Pushchairs are fine to access all entrances except the one along Allaway Avenue (for Years 1 and 2). If this is your entrance, please use Cheltenham Road instead.

What if I want to get to the school office?

The school office is very small and will be out of bounds for the first morning at least. If you need to buy uniform, please come to the office using the smaller entrance along Allaway Avenue between 2:30pm and 3:15pm.

What if I need to speak to someone?

Staff will be on duty every morning at each of the school doors, please speak to a member of staff here and they will pass on messages. Alternatively, you can phone the school office.

When can you see the inside of the school?

We know that you will all be desperate to get into the new building and have a look around so we have arranged open sessions for parents to come in; hear from their child's class teacher and then get a tour of the school. Please see the date of your session below. All sessions run from 3:15 – 4pm

Year R - Monday 16th September

Year 1 - Tuesday 17th September

Year 2 - Wednesday 18th September

Year 3 - Thursday 19th September

Year 4 - Friday 20th September

Year 5 - Monday 23rd September

Year 6 - Tuesday 24th September

If you would like to come to one of these sessions, please come to the main office on the day listed above.



We have some new staff joining us this year!

We would like to say a big welcome to the following new staff members:

Miss Moore is joining us as part of the Year 3 team;

Miss Gwilliam is joining us as Upper Key Stage Two phase leader (Years 5 and 6);

Miss Williams is joining us as Key Stage One phase leader (Years 1 and 2);

Miss Dewhurst is joining us as a 1:1 in Year 5.

Each year group will be sending out their own newsletter on Wednesday and this will give you more information on the staff in each year group and what your children will be learning about.

Breakfast and After school Club



After school club will run from the first day back (Monday 9th September) and breakfast club will run from the first Tuesday back (Tuesday 10th September).

For now, these sessions will take place in the new school hall. To access this, please use the smaller entrance along Allaway Avenue, (the old deliveries entrance). Turn to the right and walk through the car park, down the stairs and then down the long narrow path in between the 2 buildings. When you get to the new school, take the green gate to the right and walk along the path to the hall.

All children must be booked on to these sessions in order to attend. To book your child onto a session, call the school office on 023 92 375302.



Stay in touch

The school now has an Instagram account as well as a Twitter account. Follow us on social media to get regular updates on what is going on in school.



We would now like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of the staff who have gone above and beyond to get this new build finished on time for the children and community. You may have seen some of them about this holiday, everyone has been very busy! In particular, our facilities manager, Mr Redman, has worked far longer than his normal full-time hours to make sure this project is finished and the school is safe. Mrs Davies, has taken on extra roles to make sure the school has everything it needs to open today and our IT guru, James Chapman, has been in far more than he should, making sure the school has the internet and phone lines it needs so you can contact us. Thank you to all of these people and everyone who have really shown their passion and devotion to our school and community.

And finally, a big thank you to you, our parents for your patience and support over the last few months. There will be challenges ahead as we work to get the routines just right and we know that you will help and support us and continue to be positive about the school, so thank you from all of us!