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Dear Parents

The end of year is nearly upon us and so I wanted to write with some updates, some information for September and to reflect on what has been a challenging year but one of great success, hard work and fun for our children and staff too.

Reminders for September

- Start of Day

We will be making some changes to how we start the day. It is so important that children have a settled and calm start and we are continually looking for ways to maximise learning time and cut out slack time. To enable this we have decided to make some changes which are detailed below.

School officially starts at 8.55am.

Children who arrive between 8.45am and 8.55am will need to stay outside. Teachers will be out on the playground and available for parents who may need to give a quick message. Breakfast Club is available from 8am.

8.55am the bell will be rung and children will line up on the playground to go in. Parents should leave at this point, if not before.

If it is heavy rain or bad weather – a member of staff will be on the KS2 cloakroom door and the KS1 main entrance to let children in straight away. Please note arrangements for Reception will be the same as before.

If you need the office, please use the main entrance door.

- Uniform

Over the last couple of months we have noticed a slip in uniform. We appreciate it is difficult when we are coming to the end of term and shoes don't fit or jumpers seem to be shrinking, so we want to just remind everyone what the uniform is and that we expect all children to wear the correct uniform. If, for whatever reason, your child isn't wearing uniform you need to inform your child's class teacher.

Our uniform is:

Black or Grey Smart Trousers/Shorts

Black or Grey Smart Skirt or Dress

Royal Blue or White Polo Shirt or Shirt

Royal Blue Sweatshirt or Cardigan with School Logo



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Black School Shoes

Plain, dark coloured or white socks and dark coloured tights

All items need to be clearly named.

For health and safety reasons children must not wear any jewellery to school other than small studded earrings, which must be removed for PE lessons. Please bear in mind the best time to have ears pierced is in the school summer holidays to allow plenty of time for healing and learning to take them out.

PE Kit – White T-Shirt, Black Shorts/Skort, Dark Tracksuit, Pumps and/or Trainers – all in a drawstring bag and all items clearly named.

We will be moving from School Trends to another supplier in September, so please bear with us while we make this change. Any uniform ordered will be here for the start of the new school year.

- Attendance

This year we seem to have had an increase in term time holidays so I wanted to clarify the school's position which is driven by Local Authority policy. Head teachers are not allowed to authorise term time holidays unless in exceptional circumstances. Taking a holiday because of parental work commitments or lower cost holidays are not classed as exceptional circumstances. Leave may be granted but still unauthorised for five days providing attendance is usually good. In September we will have a new Request for Leave application form which will be the only way holidays can be requested. This will be available from the school office and can be sent electronically.

- Behaviour in KS2

Our trial of our new behaviour system has gone well and we will be continuing with the levels system next year. We will be making some tweaks which we will share with you in September. We have really appreciated the parental support we have had with this and feel it has made a real difference.

- School Meals

From September there will be a small increase to the price of school meals. They will be £2.36. This is due to the cost from suppliers increasing at April which school have covered since then.

- Residential Trips in KS2

From September we will be making some changes to our Residential Visit programme. Having changed them a couple of years ago in an attempt to make them more cost effective and cheaper for parents it has become evident to us that this has not been the case. We do appreciate these trips are more costly than a day trip and the previous programme meant some residential fell in a different academic year, but the same school year. We have been carefully considering how to tackle this without weakening the provision. Below is our new plan:



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	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Y3	Roman Explorers staying at Birdoswald Roman Fort (October – 1 night)	Roman Explorers staying at Birdoswald Roman Fort	Roman Explorers staying at Birdoswald Roman Fort	Roman Explorers staying at Birdoswald Roman Fort
Y4	Bushcraft at St Catherine's Wood with Woodmatters (June – 1 night)	Bushcraft at St Catherine's Wood with Woodmatters	Bushcraft at St Catherine's Wood with Woodmatters	Bushcraft at St Catherine's Wood with Woodmatters
Y5	City Visit – Glasgow (October)	Outdoor Adventures	Outdoor Adventures	Outdoor Adventures
Y6	City Visit – Glasgow (October)	City Visit	City Visit	City Visit

Please note the 2019-2020 – Y5/6 residential to Glasgow is already booked.

Parents of children in Y3 – when we return in September I will be able to give you more details of our visit to Birdoswald. The estimated cost will be £75-85.

- Future Planning

Over the past couple of weeks staff have been thinking about areas for development in our school, we will then use this to inform a new School Development plan which will be our key priorities for the next year. We want all stakeholders in the school to have some involvement in this and so would like parents and children to think about what they think is good/works well at Staveley School and what could be developed. A 3 stars and a wish idea. In September, we will send out a proforma to complete and we will engage with the children on this as well.

Finally, I would like to thank all our children, staff, Governors and families for their support, hard work and dedication to our very special school. Great things have happened this year and there are far too many to mention. Every now and again I look back at the archived Weekly Round Ups and can't believe how much we fit in and achieve each term. We have also been very pleased with our Ofsted inspection outcome and the positive comments the inspector made about our school.

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 4th September.

Yours faithfully

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