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Dear Parents and Carers

A huge welcome back to school. The staff at Castlefields were so excited about welcoming all the children back to school, and it was lovely to see all the happy, smiley faces. A big welcome to our New Nursery and Reception children and to the new pupils.

Staggered Starts and Ends of the school day

We are very grateful for your patience surrounding the staggered starts and ends of the school day. You will understand that these have been put in place to help keep your child within their protective bubble while at school.

Due to the one-way system we are operating, we cannot accommodate parents who arrive at school early. Please ensure you stick to the times shown below.

	Arrival	Departure
Nursery	8.50	11.50
Reception	8.50	2.50
Year 1 and Year 2	9.10	3.10
Year 3 and Year 4	9.00	3.00
Year 5 and Year 6	9.20	3.20

Siblings should be dropped off at the earlier start time and picked up at the later departure time. E.g. if you have a Reception and a Year 5 child, both children can be dropped off at 8.50 am and picked up at 3.20 pm.

Unfortunately, at this time our school office is not open to answer routine, face-to-face enquiries. Please telephone the school 01746 764072 or email admin@castlefields.org.uk for all enquiries. If you wish to speak to your class teacher, you may also send a message via ClassDojo. This will help avoid any delays in children entering school and help parents move quickly around the one way system without waiting.

New Catering Arrangements

Caterlink have restarted their school meals this week. We are now pleased to inform you that the menu has been expanded from next week and will include a hot meal option. The new menu for next week only is attached to the end of this newsletter. Sandwiches will continue to be provided in a grab bag but most children will now be eating in the hall. All children in receipt of Pupil Premium and all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are able to receive a meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals offer. Children in Key Stage 2 are also able to order a school meal. All children will be able to make a choice on the day without the need to pre-order. This can be done daily in the classroom and payment will need to be made through ParentPay.



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Pupil Premium

Anyone who has had a change in circumstances and may now be eligible for Free School Meals should either contact the school office or see the following: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>
If you make a successful application for Free School Meals, the Government will provide Castlefields school with additional funding to support or enhance your child's education.

Polite Parking

Where possible please can you walk to school. If you are unable to do so, please can you park considerately avoiding driveways and junctions. This is very important but especially at the top of Castlefields Road, where parked cars can make it dangerous for parents and children to cross safely.

School Carpark

As the carpark is now part of the one way system around school, please can we remind parents and carers that it is for staff use only.

Water Bottles

Please can we ask that children's drinking bottles only contain water. Juice etc should only form part of a lunchbox. If there is a medical reason why your child cannot have water in their bottle, please do let us know. Thank you for your help

Children's Medication

Please inform us of any changes that have been made to your child's medication. Do not forget to make sure we have any necessary medication in school and that it is in date.

Breakfast Club and Wrap Around Care

Breakfast Club and Wrap Around Care are taking place in the old Reception classroom while the building work is ongoing. Please walk your child around the school, following the one-way system. While in these clubs, your child will be kept in the same bubble they are in during the school day.

ClassDojo

Hopefully you will have already noticed that we are using ClassDojo as our main method of communication. If you have any issues with access to ClassDojo please inform the school office. In the future, newsletters will be published on ClassDojo and the school website rather than printed out. Please remember to check ClassDojo for messages and use this as a method of communicating with the class teachers. Just because things are a little different at Castlefields this September, we do not want to miss the little things that we normally know about your children.

P.E. Kits

On the days that children are doing P.E. we are going to ask that they wear their kit to school instead of wearing school uniform. The class teachers will be posting a message on the ClassDojo page to let you know which days of the week children should wear their outdoor P.E. kit to school.

Clubs

Unfortunately, there are no school clubs running at present. We will keep this decision under constant review and will inform you of any changes.



PTA

We are incredibly lucky to have a thriving PTA at Castlefields. They are planning to hold their AGM on Zoom this September - more details to follow once this has been arranged.

bags2school collection - The PTA are going to be organising a bags2school collection, hopefully in October. If you are planning a clear out of clothes, please could you hold on to them ready for the collection later this term.

School lottery

A reminder that you can take place in the school lottery; there is a guaranteed winner every week. The more supports we have, the more you can win. So far this has raised £2,000 for Castlefields. For further information please visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Castlefields Primary.

Year 6 Bikeability

If your child is in Year 6 they should have received a letter about Bikeability starting on Monday 21 September. Please make sure you have read the letter and returned the form.

Have a lovely weekend. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Yours sincerely



Mrs R Lee
Headteacher

