

9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Nursery and Reception

I hope you are all well and that you and your children are rested and ready for the brand new school year! I am very much looking forward to seeing you and meeting new parents as well!

I do hope you will be able to come to **parent and teacher information meetings**, which will give you very helpful information about how you can support your child throughout the year. The **Nursery** meeting will be on **Tuesday, 11th October** and **Reception** on **Tuesday, 18th October**.

In line with the **Government's announcement on the length of the school day**, some finish times will be slightly different this year. These will be our expectations once the children have fully settled in.

- All children are welcome into school from 8.45am, which is when the school's doors open. Punctuality is a focus this year, with a regular prize draw for individual children who arrive at school on time!
- Teachers will follow very strict protocol and take the register at 8.55am, which is the time your child should be in the classroom. (We will still run a 5-minute grace period between 8.55am and 9 am to allow for very exceptional circumstances, when it has not been possible to get your child in at 8.45am.)
- The register will close at promptly at 9am.
- Your child will be marked late, according to the office radio-controlled clock, if they arrive later than 9am.
- Please be mindful that staff in Nursery and Reception have been told to be very strict about closing their doors at 9am. Please bring your child in through the school office, if you are late.
- Don't forget that if you need to speak with, or make an appointment to see, a member of staff, please do contact them via parentmessages@williamtyndale.islington.sch.uk ; your message will be passed on.
- Timings for the end of the day will be as follows:
 - **Nursery** door will open at 2.55pm. (Children not collected by 3pm will incur a charge.)
 - **Reception** doors will open at 3.25pm. Any children not collected on time will be taken to Kids' Club where a charge will apply from 3.40pm.

It would be lovely if you could be aware that Year 2 will be lining up outside the Reception play area at 3.30pm, in front of the handwashing trough by the office as you come down the lane from Upper Street. As it can be very crowded, please try your best to make way for these children and their accompanying staff. Thank you.

Finally, as we are going to have to be especially careful with our energy consumption, we would be very grateful if you would ensure your child wears more and more layers (labelled please!) as autumn progresses into winter.

Here's to a fabulous year!

Best wishes

Tanya (Watson)