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As-salām ‘alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu

Dear Parents,

Welcome back

We hope and pray that this newsletter reaches you in strong *imān* and good health.

Alhamdulillah the new academic year will be starting next week on Wednesday 1st September and we are looking forward to welcoming all the children and parents back to school. In the first few weeks we will be focusing on establishing routines and monitoring and assessing the children to determine their starting points.

We have many exciting things planned for this year including the launch of our new vision for Apex Trust.

- **New Driveway for the school** - Alhamdulillah, over the summer we started the works to transform the school drive with the money raised from the last two fundraisers. Unfortunately, the works have already exceeded the projected budget due to relocation of important pipes and cables, and so far the actual spend is £40K. We are hoping there will not be any other unexpected costs and have started a launchgood campaign to see if we can raise money to cover the extra costs. Please support the campaign and forward on to friends and family.
https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/help_us_complete_our_school_gate#!/
- **Over the first few weeks we shall be using the side gates for both entry and exit across the key stages, due to limited access to the front school entrance.**
- **COVID guidance** - Although restrictions have been lifted for COVID, we will continue to observe safe practices at least for Autumn term to ensure that isolation periods are kept low for staff and children. From September the new guidance states that children (under 18) and those that are double vaccinated do not have to isolate unless they test positive or are showing symptoms of COVID. This means that if any child or staff member shows symptoms of COVID will be isolated at school and sent home to

have a PCR test. Anyone who has had contact with someone with symptoms or tested positive should also take a PCR test. If the adult is not double vaccinated they will also have to isolate for 10 days, however children under 18 do not need to isolate. At Apex we will continue with the hygiene measures (sanitizing and washing hands), we will continue with the one way system of movement around the school, children will remain in bubbles for playtimes and lunchtimes). We will be limiting visitors and parents to set meeting times and dealing with queries at the door where possible.

- **Welcome letters and learning journeys** - All teachers will be preparing welcome letters to send out. These will give you an introduction to the teacher and set out information to help parents over the course of the year. Parents will also receive the Autumn learning journeys which will give an overview of the theme and teaching and learning for the term. Please use these to support your child at home.

- **Parent Workshops online** - We have scheduled these workshops to further inform and explain to parents about the teaching and learning strategies we use. This is also an opportunity for parents to ask questions.

Early years workshops (Nursery and Reception) will take place in school as follows:

- Reception - 6th Sept 2021 @ 12:30
- Nursery - 7th Sept 2021 @ 11:00

We will be delivering the KS1/2 workshops via google meet. Parents can access the workshop by signing into their child's gmail account. Go to Meet through the nine dots in the top right hand corner. When prompted please type in the keyword in bold below.

The workshops have been scheduled for 8:15pm on the following days

- Y1/2/3 – 14th Sept 2021 Keyword - **KS1 workshop**
- Y4/5/6 – 10th Sept 2021 Keyword - **KS2 workshop**

- **Communication** - All correspondence to school should be emailed to contact@apexprimary.co.uk. This is the best method of communication. Parents can also call the school (020 8554 1208) and leave a message if it's not answered.
 - ClassDojo app (KS1/2) - Parents will need to download the app on their mobile. We will provide a code to use to access information about your child's progress. ClassDojo also provides the best way to communicate directly with your child's teacher.

The school will communicate with parents in the following ways:

- School email
- Text messaging from school mobile (07887493782). Please save this number. Please note this number should NOT be used to call into the school
- Phone calls from school mobile and school landline (see above).
- ClassDojo - we will post letters and other useful information on this platform.

Please ensure you have read and adhere to ALL the School's Policies available on our website, <https://www.apexprimary.co.uk/our-school/school-policies> particularly Traffic Calming Park & Walk Policy In Shaa Allah.

- **Morning hifz and Friday after school club provision** - Letters have be sent out in the previous term. Hifz clubs shall be resuming from the 1st day back and Friday club from the first friday when we return.

- **Hargreaves Activity Day** - We are planning to have our popular annual community event for Saturday 25th September inshaAllah in the Hargreaves scouting site. It has always been a fun family event, thanks to our wonderful APC (Apex Parents Committee) and we are hoping it will be even better this year inshaAllah. More information will be available soon.
- **Do you want to find out more about the APC?** - If you are interested in becoming a part of APC and helping the school and contributing to the tarbiyah of all our children, then email the school on marketing@apexprimary.co.uk

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