



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 1

Friday 11th September 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new school year at Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School.

It has been wonderful to welcome back all our Year 1 and Year 2 children into our 6 first floor classrooms. The children are so happy to be back in school with their friends. They have all made a fantastic start in their new classes. We are delighted with how well they are learning our new routine and our safety measures. We are enormously proud of the children; they are using excellent listening skills and good manners. There is a happy and purposeful atmosphere upstairs. The Key Stage 1 team have worked incredibly hard to welcome back the children safely, to meet their emotional needs and to assess their reading, writing and Maths skills. It has been a very positive start to the new school year.

In our 4 ground floor classrooms, Nursery and Reception children have attended introductory visits in small groups. Some have now started school and more will be starting school next week. These visits have gone incredibly well, allowing quality time to build relationships and share information. The children look so smart in their uniform and they have been confidently talking to staff, which is great. We have met many new families and we are pleased to welcome them into our school community. The Foundation Stage team have been learning lots of names and making children feel welcome and settled.

Our new dinner time routine is running smoothly, class bubbles have their own area and the hall is calm with children sitting spaced apart, eating well, and chatting to their friends. It is great to see children eating hot meals at school again. Please have a look at our menu on the school website and encourage your child to have a hot meal where possible. There is no charge for hot meals for children in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2. Our Kitchen team and Midday Supervisors are working together to make dinner time a safe and positive experience for us all. Nursery children will eat their dinner in the Nursery.

Thank you to the vast majority of our parents and carers who are arriving 'on time' every day for our staggered class bubble start and finish times. We are incredibly grateful for your organisation, good time keeping, positivity and cooperation. We recognise the challenges for working parents/carers and parents/carers with more than one child and we thank you for your patience and support. Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie are doing a great job outside guiding families around our one-way system.

As you enter and exit the school site, please keep to the left, and keep your children with you. Parents must not stop or gather by the gates or on the driveway or paths – This is not safe. Please be considerate and respectful and do not block the flow of families walking. Waiting outside the gates on Wood Road is not helpful and causes an obstruction, please stay away from school premises until your child's start time. We are planning further signage and floor markings to reinforce our expectations. As we have recognised that, sadly, the behaviour of a minority of parents and carers is concerning, you will see a greater staff presence outside to support our safety measures. We are coordinating staff who can take on additional 'COVID Marshal' roles. They will be politely moving parents and carers on and reinforcing our 'keep left' expectation. I am hoping that we can all work together to make our site as safe as possible for our school community.

ALL PARENTS AND CARERS MUST PLEASE FIND TIME TO READ OUR [PARENT AND CARER SAFETY EXPECTATIONS](#) from the letters dated July and September.

If you would like a paper copy of our expectations, please ask us. It is essential that we all make safe choices every day. We need the support and cooperation of all families.

Kind Regards

Mrs Diffin

Acting Headteacher

All parents and carers should socially distance (2 metres) from each other where possible on school premises. Where this is challenging, face coverings are advisable. Parents and carers are welcome to wear face coverings on school premises – This is very sensible, respectful and helpful.

Only one adult should bring your child to school. We need to reduce the number of people on site where possible.

Parents and carers should stay 2 metres away from members of staff at all times. Please remember to be respectful.



Nursery and Reception Places

We do have 15 hour and 30 hour places available in our fabulous School Nursery for children who will be 4 before 31st August 2021. If you would like further information, please ring the School Office 01332 662239.

We do have places in our great Reception Classes for children who are School Age. To secure a place, please ring the Derby City Admissions team 01332 642730.



School Uniform

Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name, especially their jumpers and cardigans. Thank you.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is running smoothly with children being able to eat and play apart in their class or family bubbles. We would like to ask parents and carers who are dropping off children at Breakfast Club to please park at the back of the car park, leaving the side parking bays for staff to fill up as they arrive at school. Breakfast Club starts at 7:45am. Mrs Roberts is our Breakfast Club Leader and can be contacted by email: Clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk
After School Club will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

Autumn Term 1 2020 – Wed 2nd September to Fri 23rd October

Wed 2 nd September	INSET day 1
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Autumn Term 2 2020 – Mon 2nd November to Fri 18th December

Fri 20 th November	INSET day 2
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Spring Term 1 2021 – Mon 4th January to Fri 12th February

Mon 4 th January	INSET day 3
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Spring Term 2 2021 – Mon 22nd February to Thurs 1st April

Summer Term 1 2021 – Mon 19th April to Fri 28th May

Fri 21 st May	INSET day 4
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Summer Term 2 2021 – Mon 7th June to Thurs 22nd July

Fri 2 nd July	INSET day 5
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