

6th January 2022

Dear families,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school.

I hope you had a peaceful and restful holiday. It is good to be back into normal routines and thankfully almost all of our children have returned to school and have started the new term with enthusiasm and positivity.

We have noticed an increasing number of families turning up late, after the gates have been locked at 8.40am. Our doors open at 8.25am and we would encourage you to arrive as close to that time as possible. It is valuable learning time and ensures a calm start to the day for your child. Please make an effort to set off a little earlier if you are struggling to arrive before 8.40am. We do have a breakfast club that opens at 8am and, if it would help, please contact the school office to reserve a place and drop your child off at this earlier time.

May I also remind parents that the school campus and car park is for staff only. There are over 1200 children attending school on our campus and we must prioritise the safety of our children over the convenience of able-bodied parents who could walk to school. This may mean that you need to park a little further away from the school and walk, as we know that the small roads around school can be busy. Please keep our children safe and do not drive into the car parks of any of the schools on the site. Please walk to school where possible and allow a little extra time to park further away if you drive.

We do have some closure days this half term – school will be closed to pupils on **Friday 11th February** for a whole Dixons Trust training day and again on **Friday 18th February** as we break up for the half term holiday. This will be a data day for staff following our assessment week and enable us to plan targeted and personalised learning for every child in school.

Every day really does count so it is important that your child attends school regularly, unless they are ill. If you have any questions regarding attendance please contact the school office or Mrs Khan, our Parental Involvement Officer. Should your child be absent from school we are very likely to conduct regular home visits through our attendance officers at BCL Ltd who will work with you to enable your child to return to school as soon as possible. As always, we thank you for your ongoing support with learning and your child's education.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Haunch
Principal

