

30th August 2023

Dear families,

We look forward to welcoming our students back at 8.25am tomorrow, the 31st August. If your child has previously had a place at our breakfast club, they may arrive between 8:00 and 8:10am.

I hope you have had a peaceful and enjoyable summer break. Our staff team is excited about the year ahead and they are ready to welcome back your children tomorrow. You may see some new faces in school as we have several trainee teachers working alongside our usual staff, as well as a full-time academic mentor to support those children who may fall behind in their learning.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform, including footwear. Only stud earrings should be worn, and any patterns cut into hair should be removed before the return to school. Smart children are ready to learn and have the right attitude in school.

Our Family Handbook includes information and details our expectations at Dixons Marchbank and can be found [here](#).

Dixons Trust is becoming a nut free organisation this year. There are increasing numbers of children with allergies in school; some of these are life-threatening if not managed carefully. Therefore, we have decided not to have packed lunches in Reception classes and KS1. All children in these year groups are provided with a free meal and have a range of at least 3 choices every day. It is a great way to ensure that your child has a balanced, nutritious meal and is also encouraged to try out new types of food. Please be assured that we will never force a child to eat something they do not like, and we will offer alternatives where a child cannot eat something that they have chosen to try. If your child is in KS2 and brings a packed lunch, all items must be nut free and should not be labelled 'may contain nuts'. This also applies to any food items sent into school, for example to celebrate birthdays. I hope you appreciate that we need to put these measures in place to safeguard our students.

This year, we aim to build on our previous successes and ensure that our students achieve the very best that they can. We are part of the Dixons Trust who provide us with a wealth of resources and support. Together we can ensure our students have the very best education and go on to successful careers in later life.

As always, we thank you for all your support.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Haunch
Principal

