

# Caister Primary Federation

## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the start of the new school year at Caister Primary Federation. We hope you have had a lovely summer with your families. We are looking forward to seeing you and your children on Monday.

## The new school year

The autumn term will begin on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Please note there will be a change of timings to our day as we return to life in school without bubbles.

We would like to preserve the benefits of the staggered timings to help the easy flow of children and parents at the beginning and end of the day. But we know many of you want timings to return closer to the traditional school day. So we have come up with the following start/finish timings (we can then adjust breaks and lunchtimes around them):

Junior School Y5&6	8.40am-3.10pm
Infant School	8.45am-3.15pm
Junior School Y3&4	8.50am-3.20pm
Nursery	8.55am start (as last term)

## Term dates for the year are as follows:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April (please note the extra bank holiday)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**We have produced a [Parent/Carer Handbook, which you can read here](#), with all the information you need to know for the year ahead.**

This includes details on breakfast club and after-school, uniform, lunches and snacks and much more.

## Covid-19

Life in school will largely go back to normal this term, in keeping with much of the rest of society. There will be no more bubbles and the rules on isolating are much reduced. We will no longer be required to send home whole classes or year groups. The children will be able to meet together for assemblies again, and they will be able to socialise at playtimes and lunchtimes. We are looking forward to welcoming parents back into school for assemblies, parents' evenings and other special events.

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However, we are aware that Covid is still in the community and that we still need to take precautions to minimise its spread. We will be keeping the schools well ventilated, working outside where we can, and we will continue to encourage the children to use hand sanitiser throughout the day.

Access to the school at the beginning and end of the day will be same as last year. There will be no one way system, but the gates from School Lane, Kingston Avenue, Charles Close and on to King George V playing field will all be open and you can use any of them.

## Infant School

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday for the start of the new school year. As a federation we will soon send out some diary dates that might be of interest to you for the coming year.

The children in the Infant school will return to changing into their P.E. kits on their allocated slots (please see below). Learning to change out of uniform and into a PE kit is an important learning task as well as developing independence for Infant school aged children. Please see the school website for uniform list.

## PE Days:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Seahorses – Monday	Sealions- Monday & Wednesday	Gulls- Monday & Tuesday
Jellyfish- Wednesday	Seashells – Tuesday & Wednesday	Penguins- Tuesday & Thursday
Pufferfish- Thursday	Starfish – Wednesday & Friday	Puffins – Tuesday & Thursday

## School Photographs

During the first term back to school the children will have an individual photograph taken and these will be available to buy. You will receive advanced notice of the dates.

## Meet and greet - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September we would like to welcome parents and carers in to school any time from 3.20pm to 4.00pm. Class teachers will be available in their classrooms for a chat and for you to have a look around the learning environment.

If you have any further questions or would like to discuss anything please contact the school office who will be happy to help or put you in contact with someone who can. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

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Head of School

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