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## Frequently asked questions from new parents about CPJA

Due to the fact we have had less opportunity to meet you this year before your children start with us in September, we have collected your 'Frequently asked questions' to try and help with any queries that you have at the moment. The questions have been grouped together by topic, to help with finding the answer that you need.

Where you have specific questions about your child that don't apply to others, we will contact you to answer these - if they have not been answered when you come to school for a visit.

Please also remember that we are contactable by phoning the school office, or emailing us at [enquiries@pjademy.net](mailto:enquiries@pjademy.net).

In September, we will also hold an open evening shortly after we re-open to help parents understand the systems and procedures that pupils use whilst with us. This will be widely publicised in September and will take place after school.

### Organisational questions

- **Start and finish times for the school day**
- Included in the prospectus on the Year 2 transition page
- We open the school doors at 8:45 and they will close at 9:00
- Any children arriving after this time will need to come into school through reception
- School finishes at 15:05 and we will try hard to be prompt in order to help parents with collecting younger siblings from neighbouring infant schools
  
- **Will my child be placed with some of her friends?**
- We work with your infant schools to create classes for September, so that the teachers who know the children best can check that they are with children who they learn well with. There are four classes, so the children will not be with everyone they know and will also be with other children from different Infant Schools
  
- **Will pupils be expected to wear uniform in September?**
- We will expect children to wear uniform and our uniform policy is on our website
- Our uniform can be bought at 'Better and Bright' in Castleford and a range of supermarkets also stock our colour jumpers, cardigans and summer dresses
- The children do not need pumps for indoor PE - they can bring trainers - which they will use if outside and to walk to the hall in if we are working indoors
  
- **Do the children have a playtime and how will this be managed?**
- The children will have a playtime between 10:20 and 10:35 and then will also play outside at dinnertime between 12:00 and 12:45
- The playground is zoned, with a range of equipment and games to play with
- We also have a scrap shed and a Forest School area for pupils to use at these times
- There is a tuck shop outside at playtime as well, where the children can purchase healthy snacks and drinks. No more than 50p per day is needed

*During these unusual times, children have played within their class 'bubble' with their teacher to reduce opportunities for coronavirus to spread, with a teacher supervising them to remind of social distancing.*



### **Classes for September**

- **Will children know which class they are going into and who else is in it?**
- Normally, your children would have already had an opportunity to visit us and learn this information through our usual transition arrangements
- You will receive a letter next week that will explain your child's class and they will also have an opportunity to come and see us, in small groups of 10, in the last week of school to meet some of their classmates. The letter will give you all the details that you need

### **Wrap Around support for working parents**

- **What time does wrap around care start and finish?**
- We have a breakfast club that parents can book the children into using Parent Pay, which starts at 8am. Children can be brought to breakfast club through reception.
- We have an after school club that is available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening from 15:05 until 17:30. This can also be booked using Parent Pay and needs to be done a week in advance – so that we can make sure that it is safely staffed.
- There are also a number of after school clubs when school is running as it normally does. A letter will be sent out to all children in September to allow them to book the club that they would like to participate in.

### **How will my child be supported in class?**

- **My child was already finding learning difficult before lockdown, how will they be supported to catch up?**
- Firstly, parents need to remember that all children will have the same challenges, as we have been through a situation that has affected the whole country
- All teachers will work hard to get to know the children as quickly as possible – and their learning gaps- and will ensure that these are targeted to help them make progress
- Our Year 3 teachers are also talking to your Infant Schools to find out more about your children, so that we are as equipped as we can be
- If you are particularly concerned about your child's learning, you can also discuss this with your class teacher in September. If needed, this will also be discussed with our Special Needs team to ensure that your child gets the support that they need
- You can find further information about this on our website on the SEND page

### **Electronic systems that support the running of school:**

- **Will Bloomz be set up before the holidays?**
- Our school uses an app that supports communication between teachers and parents. It helps us celebrate children's work and is used to remind parents of important messages. You can also directly message the class teacher if you have a specific question. Further information is included in the transition pack that you will be receiving shortly through the post
- Bloomz will be set up soon and you will be able to log in and set up your own account once you know which class your child is going to be in
- **Will Parent Pay be set up before the holidays?**
- Parent can log in and set up their Parent Pay account as soon as they know their child's class
- There is a guide that is in the transition pack that is being sent to you shortly through the post

- **What is the protocol for morning entry into school?**

- All Year 3 children have a classroom entrance that opens into the school playground
- This is at the back of the school
- School gates (from Magnet Field and Leake and Medley Street) open at 8:40 each

day, to give you time to get to your classroom door

- The classroom door will be open from 8:45 and children can go straight in, where they will have been allocated a peg for their coat and PE kit and an area where their lunchbox is stored – if they have one
- We encourage children to bring their PE kit – and Forest School kit if they have a slot during the half term – and leave it on their peg so that it is ready to use throughout the week
- Our teaching staff and Senior Leaders will be outside from 8:45 until 9:00 for any questions that you have
- Teachers are available at this point for very quick questions before they begin teaching but specific appointments can be arranged at other times if a longer meeting is needed

#### **Contacting school and arranging visits**

- **Will it be possible to visit school before my child starts?**
- All parents who have completed our questionnaire and indicated that they would like a visit to school have been contacted to book this in on the next two Wednesdays
- If you have not been contacted and would now like a visit, please contact the school office to request this

#### **Changes due to coronavirus:**

- **Will our child be starting school as normal in September?**
- We are awaiting further guidance from the Government in order to help us answer this question and plan for September. As soon as we know more, we will update our transition page on our website and will also notify parents through Bloomz