

● ● ● A New Era Starts Today

Hello everyone, welcome to both a new term and year at Dee Point but also the very first day in our brand new school. All of the children are a part of history today and how wonderful to welcome them into a brand new building; it has to be one of the proudest moments of my career. Alongside this, what a fantastic experience seeing the building finally filled with the hustle and bustle of your amazing children, a truly memorable day that I will treasure forever! How lovely everyone looked and a special welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception children, you are going to make this place even more exciting!! I only have one or two notices for you all to start the new term.

● ● ● A Few Early Teething Problems

Like all things brand new, we are bound to find a few teething problems and hiccups along the way. These may include how we exit and enter the building, how we access play space, becoming familiar with new phone and ICT equipment etc. Importantly it is a time for us all to be patient and to work our way through systems to find the best way of working. I have greatly appreciated your patience during the past 12 months, between us all we have managed to make the school function well during the construction phase. If you have any worries or concerns during the first few days, please just come and let me know.

Entrances, Exits and Moving Around School ● ● ●

You will have experienced today for the first time how we move around the building first thing in the morning and also at the end of the day. As we still have to demolish the old building, some areas are very tight around the building. Can I ask please that no children ride bikes on the school premises. These must be dismounted as they enter the pedestrian gates as space is tight currently. You will notice that each year group enters the school from the outside of the building. Years 3 – 6 will use the stairs to go to their classrooms. Importantly if parents and carers need to access the main office this can only be done at the front entrance and we cannot allow parents and carers through corridors as these are now only accessible with a fob. It is all new and will take a bit of time to get used to. The lift, which sadly broke on Friday (one of those teething problems!) is only to be used by specific children and parents or carers who have medical or physical needs and access has been agreed with the headteacher; it is not to be used at any other time.

● ● ● School Phone Number & Telephone Systems

We have a brand new phone system in school and the new number is **01244 372631**. Currently you are not able to leave a voicemail on the system. We will be using it for the first week so we are familiar with the system and then on Monday 12th September we will be adapting it to include direct numbers, voicemail and ways of communicating with different people in the school. For this week please just phone the main number until we have the system up and running effectively.

And Finally... ● ● ●

There we go everyone, just a couple of things as I don't want to overload you with information. There will be further letters and information this week regarding extra curricular clubs and I will keep you all up to date with any changes we make to current arrangements. Most importantly the children are delighted and proud of their new school and we are too. It is for you and your children to enjoy for many years to come. Finally a special mention to the brilliant Mr Rimington for all his hard work throughout the Summer. Without him we wouldn't have got the school ready on time along with all the staff who cut their holidays short to empty 450 crates, sort displays and work so hard to make this happen for you. I am a lucky man to work with such dedicated staff but the faces of our children today, made it all worthwhile. Happy New School Everyone!!

Kind regards



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