



## GEMS FirstPoint School

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### Welcome Back EYFS and KS1

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and your children are looking forward to returning to school. I would like to wish a warm welcome to the new children and their families. Welcome to the FirstPoint family.

Our incredible school support staff have been busy setting up the classrooms, learning environments and preparing the resources for the children's return. We are all so excited to begin the 21-22 academic year and we cannot wait for you to join us!

To support you and your child with how things will look in EYFS and KS1 for the start of school, we have put together some information that explains the transition and to help put your minds at ease with any changes that we are making, in accordance with KHDA guidance. Please rest assured that your child's health, safety and well-being, alongside high quality teaching and learning have been and will always be our top priority. Within the guidance you will notice that the classroom allocations have not changed. FS and Year 1 are allocated on the ground floor of C block and Year 2 will remain on the ground floor of D block.

At the start of term the teachers will be asking how your child will be collected at the end of the day, and by whom. This is to make sure we have accurate information to ensure your child arrives safely to you at the end of the school day, especially as parents in Yr2 will not be permitted to collect from the classroom. Information about this will be sent to you with your child's new class teacher letter.

Please take note of the stationary resources that KS1 children will need to bring to school and also only for Key Stage 1 the children will require their device daily to participate fully in our blended learning approach, using technology to enhance the children's learning. Please ensure that the device has a protective cover and is fully charged each day. Further information about the device is given in the BYOD attachment. New Microsoft Teams, Seesaw, Tapestry (FS) passwords and log-ins, which are the platforms that the children will be using, will be provided by the class teacher.

We are excited to be welcoming our new joiners into school on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August**. Mrs Mason has sent out our bespoke and personalised induction programme for our Foundation Stage children. If you have not received this please contact Mrs Mason directly. For our Year 1 and Year 2 new students we look forward to seeing you on Thursday from **7:45 – 9:45am**. Please take a look at the guidance as this outlines further information and the entry points into school.

Please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Sandra Mason (*Director of EYFS*) [s.mason\\_fps@gemsedu.com](mailto:s.mason_fps@gemsedu.com), Mr Jamie Sheriff (*Director or Key Stage 1*) [j.sherriff\\_fps@gemsedu.com](mailto:j.sherriff_fps@gemsedu.com) or myself [i.olley\\_fps@gemsedu.com](mailto:i.olley_fps@gemsedu.com) if you have any queries that we can assist you with.

For our returning students, we are really looking forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021**.

Yours sincerely,

Isabel Olley

*Head of EYFS and KS1 Mini-School*



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