



GEMS FirstPoint School

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Welcome Back KS2

Sunday 16th August, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and your children are looking forward to returning to school for face-to-face teaching. I would also like to welcome the new children and their families and embrace them into our FirstPoint family.

The amazing school support staff have been busy setting up the classrooms and preparing the resources for the children's return and the teachers are really excited to come back to school to teach their lessons.

To support you and your children with how things will look in KS2 for the start of school, we have put together welcome videos to support the transition back and to 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 these videos you will notice change of locations for the year groups. Year 3 will now be homed along the ground floor of D block and Years 4, 5 and 6 will all be along the first floor primary only corridor in C block.

You will be informed on Sunday 23rd August of the class that your child will be in the for next academic year by Mr Josh Byfield, the Director of Key Stage 2. A great deal of time and effort has gone into building these classes taking into consideration a number of different factors including friendship, special educational needs and a mix of gender and ability. We have had a make a few changes to our teaching teams, due to changes in enrolment numbers. As a result we have shuffled the teachers around slightly based on their experience and expertise, maintaining outstanding teaching teams.

Before 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 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 all children will need to bring to school and also they 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 and Seesaw passwords and log-ins, which are the platforms that the children will be using, will be provided by the class teacher.

Please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Byfield j.byfield_fps@gemsedu.com or myself n.matthews1_fps@gemsedu.com if you have any queries that we can assist you with.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you all back to school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Nicola Matthews

Head of KS2 Mini-School



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