

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents

**Re: Term 1 Updates**

Welcome back to another school year, and a very warm welcome to all of our new parents!

**Meet the Teacher & Jump Fun Activities**

On **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September** we are inviting parents in to Meet the Teacher. Please feel free to come into school with your child - parents will meet in the Hall for 10 minutes whilst registers are completed. Once ready parents will be able to walk around school and visit the classrooms, taking part in the work your child is doing. We will also be conducting the JUMP (Join Us: Move, Play) Fun activities, you are welcome to join in with this when the classes come to do it.

**Communications – My Child at School**

At the beginning of each term we send out letter about the term ahead: as this is the start of the year we are sending a hard copy. This will be the only paper copy sent out to you as we use MCAS (My Child at School app) and letters will be sent out through this. If you need a login password please see the Office. Through MCAS you can also see your child's attendance, behaviour and school reports – when they come out. You are able to check details that we hold for you and you are able to text us using the app. We are hoping to switch to MCAS for the signing up for clubs this year as well, but will send out more information when this is ready.

**Twitter**

We also share the work, behaviour and events our students take part in through our Twitter account. It's a great place to get an overview of what's going on - follow us @dixonsmnp.

**Website**

Our website provides an overview of everything that is going on; curriculum, news and event, parent groups, calendars etc. Our website is [www.dixonsmn.com](http://www.dixonsmn.com).

**Outdoor Coats and Shoes**

The British weather can never be guaranteed, one minute it's sunny the next it's raining cats and dogs! So please make sure your child brings a **waterproof coat every day** to school and has appropriate footwear for outside. Even when it is raining we will still be going outside for playtime.

**Dinner Money**

Please can we remind you that Dinner Money should be paid in the week the meals are being taken. Your child's account is not allowed to have more than £11 debt. If this happens then the Office will ring to ask you to supply packed lunches until the debt has been paid. If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6, you may be eligible for free school meals. If you would like more details on this please speak to the Office staff who will be able to help you.

**Finance**

With energy, food and fuel being so expensive I'm sure many of you are worried about the winter. As a school, we are also worried and looking at how we can make savings without them affecting the education of your child or costing you more! There are a number of things that we already do to keep your costs down:

- Use of MCAS for communications
- Plain uniform that is not branded (eg Nike, Adidas) – including plain shoes/trainers
- Provide snack and milk for Reception, snack for KS1 at no cost



- Water throughout the day, including lunch time (if your child has packed lunch, your child has access to water – so no need to provide a drink)
- Heavily subsidised trips – over the course of a year we have made sure that contributions towards trips do not exceed £15 (excluding residential). This year we are reducing this to £10, but we try really hard to keep the cost down!

If you are having financial difficulties, please do speak to Mrs Ansari, it's important that we know the concerns of our parents so that we can try to arrange additional support.

### Permissions

When your child first starts at DMN we request permission for the following:

- Local trips – we will tell you about a trip but won't ask for permission if it is within Bradford. If it is further away or outside of school time then we will ask for additional permission
- Photography – we use photos of the children in displays around school and within our website/twitter account
- Internet use – students in Years 3 to 6 access work on the internet
- Asthma inhaler use – if applicable

Each year we continue these permissions.

We hope that your child has settled in well and are enjoying the first few days of the school year. If you would like to discuss anything please do come to the main Office, who will be happy to help.

Kind regards



Terri Leighton  
Principal

