



## LEARNING TO BE EXTRAORDINARY

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Dear Parents and carers

Update on the start to the school year.

It is wonderful to see students returning to school after the summer break and it has been brilliant to welcome our students back. There have been so many things to celebrate with 1000s of Postcards and 1000s of Praise Points being given out! Well done everyone! I also wanted to update you on some of the changes that we have made this year.

Lunchtimes:

Lunchtimes are working well with the whole school all on at one time. It is wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves in the new lunch areas. At break and lunch, students can stay indoors if they choose using the corridors or the lunchrooms - many students have really enjoyed the informal chats and time with teachers. However, we also have many new facilities for them to enjoy, basketball and football courts, sporting clubs with the PE team, the playground equipment/ trim trails, table tennis tables and many more benches and seating areas (there are still more of these to arrive). We also have the learning zone and the Japanese garden for students who prefer a quieter space.

To make sure that all students have many options at lunchtime, there are three areas to buy food: Einsteiners for main meals and pasta, Planets for pasta and hot grab and go food and The Pod for sandwiches etc. All students have plenty of time to eat lunch but we know that on rare occasions, things can happen and so they may not think they have enough time. Please encourage your child to talk to a teacher - we will make sure they get food and make sure that they returned to lessons so they are not treated as 'late' if it is not their fault.

Breakfast club:

The school officially opens to students at 8.10am when we have staff on duty to look after them. If your child arrives at school before this time, please send them to

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Lunchtimes: There are now three areas available to ALL students

Breakfast Club: Available to all students for free from 7.35am in Einsteiners

Punctuality: All students have a 5 minutes movement window and a 2-minute buffer before they are marked as late.

Equipment – all students to have:

- Clear pencil case
- Black pen
- Purple pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber

Stationery can be borrowed or purchased before school each day

Uniform: Can be borrowed from the Uniform Store before 8.30am each day



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Einsteiners where we have our breakfast club. During this time, students are supervised and we provide cereal, bagels and juice at no cost. This opens at 7.45am. Please do not send your child to school before this time, as there may not be an adult available to make sure they are safe.

Learning time and punctuality:

We have been so impressed with how the majority of students are taking part in their lessons. So many of our students already understand the importance of organisation and punctuality. It is very important that students attend lessons on time so that they do not miss information and help from the teacher, but also, so they do not interrupt the learning of other students. To help ensure that students are on time, we have introduced a 5-minute movement time to allow students to be on time. This bell gives students 5 minutes to get to lessons and we have added another 2 minutes to this time. By this time, a teacher will have started the lesson and a student is too late to join the lesson. This gives students 7 minutes to get to lessons. After this time, students go to Triage to talk to a teacher about why they are late. If there is a genuine reason, they will be taken back to the lesson. However, if it is because they are not organised or taking their learning seriously, they will not go back to lessons. This means that all the other students who are on time can really focus on their learning.

Equipment is also important to make sure that students do not waste their time in the classroom. The equipment store under the canopy has been a huge success from day one. We will continue to run this so that students do not need to worry if they lose something. As part of our school's core values, we encourage personal responsibility and it is heartening to see students taking ownership of their actions and personal equipment.

Uniform

We are very proud of how smart our students look. We know that uniform can be expensive so we have tried to adapt to help keep costs down. One of the main reasons that we do not allow branded trainers and socks is the cost. This is the same with nails, eyelashes, jewellery. If students are not allowed to wear such items, others do not feel the pressure to buy these items pushing up the price of uniform. Piercings are also expensive but as well as this, we do not allow them due to health and safety. I would ask any parents that need to discuss things with us to contact the year teams in the first instance, as most issues can be easily resolved.

We know that at times there can be issues with uniform. Our Uniform Swap shop remains open and students can access this before 8.30. This can be found beside Room 01 (the old Hub building). Again, we want to make sure students take





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responsibility for themselves and so they must be the ones to organise their equipment and uniform. Teachers will always be on hand to help them before 8.30am.

We firmly believe that a strong partnership between the school and parents is essential for our students' successes. On our school Facebook page, we have published how to communicate with the right people. We also regularly update some of the fantastic things happening in school - please do follow our page to see what is happening.

If you wish to meet with a member of the team, we kindly request that you schedule an appointment at the school. This will help us to make sure that you are seen promptly. Rest assured that we will listen to you, treat you with respect and learn from the valuable insights that you share with us.

Sometimes, what is said about the school does not match what is happening in the school. Therefore, we invite you to experience our school first hand. If you are interested, please email [hendrickh@cambornescience.co.uk](mailto:hendrickh@cambornescience.co.uk) and we will arrange a full site tour for you, including our classrooms, and our reflection room, where we can share our approach.

I want to finish by thanking all the students who have fully embraced the new school term, together with their teachers and their parents. To say thank you for these efforts, we have planned a small treat for all students during Friday lunchtime. They will get more detail during tutor time on Friday morning.

The beginning of the school year can be challenging as students adjust to their routines, but we are excited about the progress your children will continue to make throughout the school year. Please be assured that we care for your child and want to help them to be successful in all that they do.

Yours sincerely

Emma Haase

Principal