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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we have all made it through a very hot week; the pupils and staff have coped brilliantly and I thank them all for their hard work in keeping everyone in their classes as safe and as comfortable as possible. I will be sending out a newsletter at the end of the week, but I wanted to formally write to you in regards to the changes to the school day, breakfast club and some reminders for when we return in September.

Changes to the school day:

The Schools' White Paper has set out a series of new measures to ensure that every child can reach their full potential. One of the new measures to support this ambition, is that 'schools will offer a minimum school week of 32.5 hours' by September 2023. However, we see no reason to wait to put this into place, so from September 2022, our new school times will be as follows:

Morning nursery pupils	8.45 am to 11.45 am	<i>There is an option for pupils that attend the nursery all day session to start at 8.45 am. The extra 30 minutes will be charged at £2.50</i>
Afternoon nursery pupils	12.15 pm to 3.15 pm	
All-Day nursery pupils	9.15 am to 3.15 pm	
Pupils in Reception to Year 6	8.45 am to 3.15 pm	

We are looking forward to being as creative as possible with the extra 15 minutes we will gain each day. We will be using this time to add more enrichment opportunities and broaden the curriculum further for all pupils. We will inform you in September as to our new, exciting plans. As always we will be running extra-curricular clubs after school, more information will follow in the new academic year about these.

Breakfast club:

As of September, we are having to increase the cost of breakfast club to £3 a session. We have not taken this decision lightly and, as the breakfast club is a non-profit entity, we have to ensure that we can run the provision effectively in terms of staffing and cost of food. We have not increased the prices for a number of years now and need to ensure that we do not run at a loss. As always, if you need to talk to a member of staff about this, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

If you would like to use breakfast club next year, please can you fill out the information in the link here so we can see how many children we will have attending. We may have to go to a booking system to ensure that we have the correct staffing ratio. <https://forms.gle/eRtzXC8Yt7w2qfR4A>

Uniform Reminder:

In September, all pupils are required to wear the correct uniform, including Physical Education as stated in our uniform policy. <https://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/parent-information/uniform/>

It is really important that the standards of uniform remain high. We know that if the pupils feel smart, it has a positive impact on the way they feel about themselves, their sense of belonging and the way that they approach their learning.



Uniform expectations:

For pupils in the Early Years the uniform is as follows:

- Green v-neck jumper or green cardigan (with or without logo)
- Plain white polo shirt
- Black school trousers or skirt/pinafore
- Plain black or white socks or tights
- Black shoes **not trainers**

For Years 1 to 6 pupils:

- Green blazers with the school logo
- Green v- neck jumper/ cardigan (with or without logo) optional
- Plain white button up shirt (not a polo shirt)
- Green and gold tie (traditional tie so it doesn't get lost)
- Black school trousers or skirt/pinafore
- Plain black or white socks or tights
- Black shoes **not trainers**

During terms 1, 5 and 6, pupils may wear a green gingham dress with which a tie is not needed.

Physical Education:

It is just as important to look smart in P.E sessions. Pupils must make sure they have their P.E kits in school every day. The uniform for these sessions is as follows:

- Plain black shorts
- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black pumps or trainers
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms
- Plain black tracksuit top

With exception of the tie and blazer, which will need to be purchased from Cross Embroidery, we do not expect any other items of uniform to have the school logo. The rest of the uniform can be purchased from supermarkets or high street stores which should help to reduce the cost. Please do not hesitate to come and us if you need any support with uniform or have any questions to ask.

It has been lovely to walk around and see all of the pupils enjoying their transition day today. They have taken part in team working activities, sketching, setting classroom rules, problem solving games and much more. We look forward to seeing them tomorrow for their last day before the summer holidays. Tomorrow, school finishes for all pupils at 1.45pm. Term 1 starts for pupils in Years 1-6 on Monday 5th September 2022. If your child is in the Early Years, you will be given your starting date separately.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to every family for their support to make Dashwood such a lovely place to be. Your children are amazing and we are very proud of them all. I look forward to all the exciting things we have planned for next year – I will share some highlights from this year in my newsletter tomorrow. I wish you all a very happy summer holiday!

Yours sincerely

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