



Weekly newsletter
Friday 3rd September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first school newsletter of the year! It has been wonderful to have children in Years 1-6 return to school this week and I hope they have enjoyed spending time in their classrooms, meeting their new teachers and playing with their friends. We look forward to welcoming nursery and reception children to school from Monday.

Covid update

Our risk assessment for Covid-19 and 'outbreak management plan' is now on our school website: <https://www.emmanuel.camden.sch.uk/polices-and-protocols/>

We are taking a somewhat cautious approach over the next couple of weeks whilst we see 'the lay of the land' after the summer holidays. However, our risk assessment will be reviewed regularly and I hope to be able to invite parents into school and resume class trips very soon.

Please find below a summary of our risk assessment:

Staying the same	Different
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular handwashing and promotion of 'catch it, bin it, kill it' for coughing and sneezing. • One way-system for the Omega building. • Good ventilation throughout the buildings. • Enhanced cleaning of all areas. • We will follow the advice of Public Health England if there is a confirmed case of Covid-19. • A positive case of Covid-19 will require the individual to isolate for 10 days. • If parents or visitors have arranged a meeting in school, they will be encouraged to wear a face mask in communal areas if they are able to. • Staff to minimise close face-to-face contact with others where possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more 'bubbles' or 'hubs'. • No staggered entry and exit times. • Collective worship is in person but held separately for lower school (Years 1-3) and upper school (Years 4-6). • Children can sit in groups in their classrooms rather than rows. • A close contact of Covid-19 who is under 18 or has been double vaccinated will not need to self-isolate. They will be advised to take a PCR test.

Drop-off and collection

Thank you to parents and carers for your patience this week during drop-off and collection; I hope that this process will become quicker over the next week or so. However, please be aware that parents no longer need to form a single line along the driveway and Mill Lane. From Monday, children in Years 3-6 will walk straight up to their classrooms in the morning rather than lining-up in the MUGA.

Meet the teacher

Next week, our annual 'Meet the Teacher' meetings will be held remotely via Zoom. This will be an opportunity for parents to find out what their child will be learning this year and for you to ask your child's class teacher any general questions you may have. They will be at the following times:

	Wednesday 8 th September	Thursday 9 th September
4:00 - 4:25pm	Years 4 and 6	Years 1 and 2
4:30 - 4:55pm	Year 3	Year 5

Zoom links will be emailed to you on Tuesday. 'Meet the teacher' for nursery and reception will be arranged in the coming weeks.

School uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform, including black shoes (except nursery) and that it is clearly labelled with your child's name. Our school uniform policy can be found here: <https://www.emmanuel.camden.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Uniform-Policy-June-2019.pdf>

'PE Kit Tuesday'

To minimise the amount of time children spend getting changed into and out of their PE kits for PE lessons, we are going to trial a new system. On Tuesdays, every child in Years 1-6 should come into school wearing their PE kit. They will wear their kit all day and also wear their PE kit home so it can be washed regularly. Thank you to parents for this suggestion!

Attendance

School attendance is again mandatory from the beginning of the new academic year. For parents and carers of children of compulsory school age, this means that the legal duty on you as a parent to send your child to school regularly will apply. Local Authorities and schools have a range of legal powers to enforce attendance if a child misses school without a valid reason.

Staffing

We are sadly saying goodbye to Mr Mulvey, one of our teaching and learning assistants. I'd like to thank Mr Mulvey for his hard work and enthusiasm and wish him all the very best for the future. Mr Mulvey will come into school next week to say goodbye to the children.

This term, we welcome our new music teacher, Ms Czula and our new Spanish teacher, Ms Lavigne du Cadet to the Emmanuel team. They will all be a great addition to our school and I hope you will join me in giving them a warm welcome.

Walking home alone

If your child/ren has permission to walk home alone after school, please give written permission to the office and state which day/s this applies to.

Medical and dietary needs

If your child has a medical or dietary requirement, please look out for an email from the office today regarding updating your child's healthcare plan. Please contact the office if you don't receive an email or if your child has a new medical need or dietary requirement that the school is unaware of.

Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend,
Miss Burns and the Emmanuel team



**Fun times in
our first week back**



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From Fr Jonathan

I hope that you have all had a wonderful and restful summer. It has been great to welcome the children back to school this week. Over at the church we are continuing to run all our Sunday morning services, with covid-secure protocols in place. We would love to see you back at your church. We have missed you very much. This Sunday our children's Sunday School will be recommencing at 1030. It would be lovely if your child would like to come. We will also be serving coffee, squash and biscuits after the 1030 service.

Sunday 12 September - Blessing of Backpacks and BBQ

On Sunday week (12 September) we will be having our annual service of blessing the children's backpacks at both our 0915 and 1030 services as we gather ourselves together after the summer (and indeed after the last challenging 18 months). This will be followed by a BBQ in the Church grounds at 12 noon. Tickets for this are available this Sunday £10 adults, £3 children which buys all your food and your first drink and there will also be a bar. It would be lovely if you could join us. Be sure of a warm welcome.

Diary Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	7	8	9	10
Nursery and Reception transition begins	Wear PE kit to school (Years 1-6)	Meet the teacher via Zoom (Years 3, 4 and 6)	Meet the teacher via Zoom (Years 1, 2 and 5)	
13	14	15	16	17
Reception class start full-time Clubs start this week	Wear PE kit to school (Years 1-6)			