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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday. We are really looking forward to welcoming you and the children back into school Monday, and hearing what they have been up to!

Congratulations to our lovely Miss Hardwick, who got married during the summer holiday.

The happy couple had the most wonderful day and I'm sure you'll agree that she made the most beautiful bride. Please join in wishing the new Mr and Mrs Welham many years of luck and happiness together.



Baxter's Visits



Baxter had a wonderful summer and enjoyed his holiday to Devon. His favourite adventures were swimming in the sea and going for walks on Dartmoor. He also loved eating a doggie ice cream or two!

For our new children joining the school this September, Baxter is a large labradoodle, who is 5 years old, and very friendly. He loves meeting new people, especially children. He likes being stroked and going for walks, as well as having lots of naps. He can get really excited when he meets you, and so it is important that we stay calm and keep our voices quiet, so that he calms quickly too. You will be able to tell that he is happy and excited, because his tail will be wagging. He might also bring you a toy to show you, but please don't take it off him- he isn't very good at sharing!

Please be assured that we have the appropriate insurances in place for the school, and for Baxter. He is looking forward to returning to school this week. His first day back will be Friday 9th September. I am in the process of reviewing and updating the risk assessment. If your child has any fears or allergies of dogs, please complete the form below so that I can include this information within the risk assessment: <https://forms.office.com/r/b1pH0TUMes>

Reminder - Extension of the school day

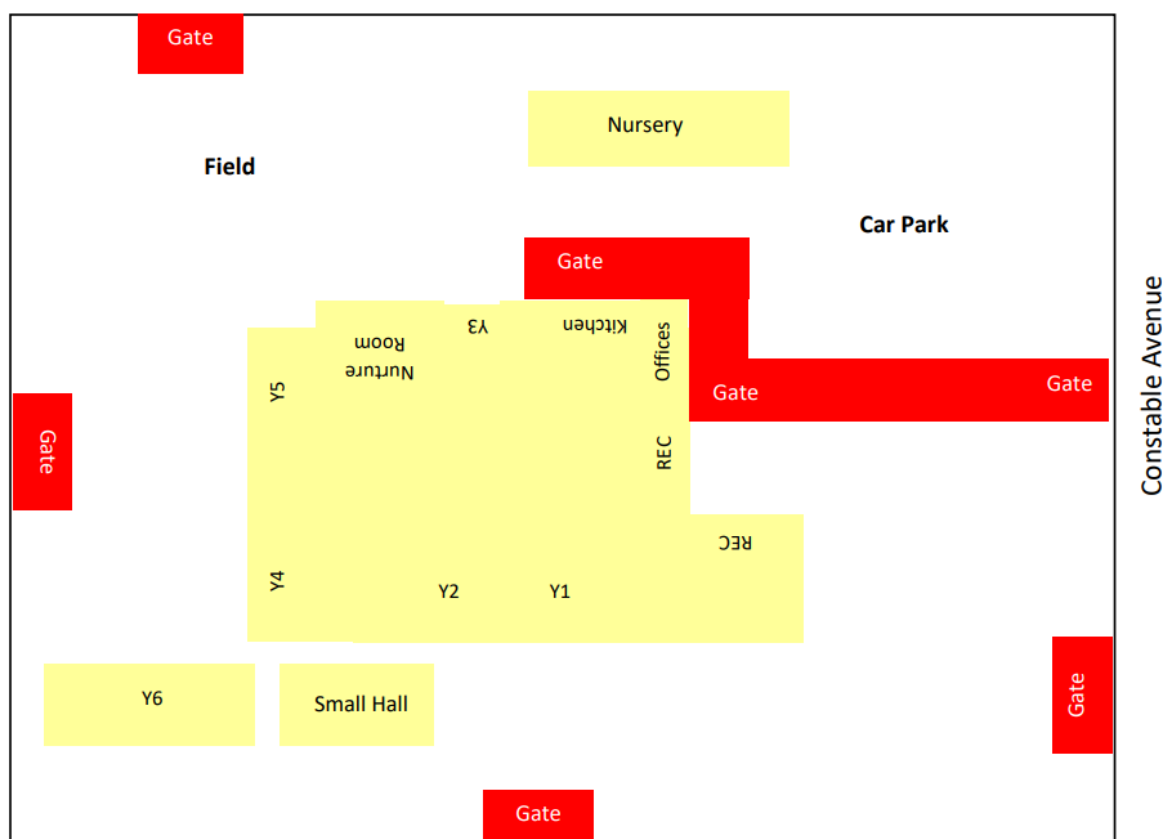
The Government White Paper has stated that all schools should be open for 32.5 hours a week. As we previously fell short of this expectation, **we will still be opening the school gates at 8.30am but will be closing them five minutes earlier at the new time of 8.40am from Monday 5th September.** The end of the school day will remain the same for the start of term(3pm-3.15pm), with us moving to a later finish time by July 2023.



Reminder - Entrance and Exit Gates

'Little Jimmy's', has now taken over the nursery building and will hopefully be opening soon. This means we will no longer be able to use the nursery gate, at the front of the school, as one of our entrances. Instead, we will be opening the small gate, next to the Y3 classrooms, which you can access by walking through the main office gates and past the kitchen.

The other gates (shown below - front of school, small hall, gym trail and field) will still be in use, and you may use which ever one is most convenient to you, when dropping off and collecting your children each day. As before, for health and safety reasons, the car park gates will be closed.



Attendance

Please make sure you have had an opportunity to read the attendance information leaflet included with this letter. For a child to reach their full educational achievement a high level of school attendance is essential. We are committed to providing an education of the highest quality for all our children and we endeavour to provide an environment in which all pupils feel valued, safe and welcome. Parents and children play an important part in making our schools successful. Every child has a right to access the education to which they are entitled. Parents and teachers share the responsibility for supporting and promoting excellent school attendance and punctuality for all.



For our children to take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered it is vital your child is at school, **on time, every day** the school is open, unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. The routines children develop around attendance and punctuality at school are the same as the expectations of any future employer in the world of work. High attainment, confidence with peers and staff, and future aspirations, all depend on good attendance.

Good attendance is important because:

- statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and absence below 95%
- regular attenders make better progress, both socially and academically
- regular attenders find school routines, school work and friendships easier to cope with
- regular attenders are more successful in transferring between primary school, secondary school, and higher education, employment or training.

Responsibilities of parents/carers

Ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is a parent/carer's legal responsibility (section 444 of the 1996 Education Act) and permitting absence from school that is not authorised by the school creates an offence in law.

Parents must:

- inform the school on the first day of absence
- be clear about the reason for the absence to enable us to determine if the absence will be authorised
- inform school of any unavoidable planned absences well in advance
- support the school with their child in aiming for **100% attendance** each year
- make sure that any absence is clearly accounted for by telephone or email on the first and subsequent days of absence, or by letter if a phone is unavailable
- avoid taking their child out of school for non-urgent medical or dental appointments
- only request leave of absence if it is for an exceptional circumstance.

Uniform Reminder

Attached is our uniform policy for your information, as we are expecting all the children to return to school, on Monday, in full uniform.

Pupil Premium Entitlement

All Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, so for the first few years of their school life, school meals are free. As well as this, families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for additional funding called **Pupil Premium**, which is used to support the children in school academically, towards trips, school uniform and clubs.

Your child would be eligible for this funding, if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal credit with an annual income of no more than £7,400 (after tax and before benefits)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

If you think your child could be eligible for this additional funding, please do contact the school office and we will be very happy to help you with the application form.

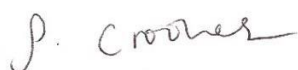
New School Website

Over the summer, our new website has launched. At the moment, it is still being updated with all the correct information, so please be patient with us and double check important details with us. Thank you for your understanding.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Children return to school on 5.9.2022
Half Term 24.10.2022 to 28.10.2022
Christmas Holidays 21.12.2022 to 4.1.2023
Non-Pupil Day 20.2.2023

Kindest regards,



Sarah Crookes

CANN HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Introduction:

Cann Hall Primary School's uniform is one of the outward signs by which the local community recognises and makes judgments about our pupils. It is important for the school that the way children present themselves is positive and acceptable and creates the impression of a disciplined and well-ordered establishment.

It is expected that all children will come to Cann Hall Primary School every day in neat, clean uniform, giving a message that we take pride in belonging to the school community. The support of parents in ensuring this is an expectation both in terms of day-to-day dress and in other requirements for Physical Education & Sport.

Our uniform policy seeks to

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Is practical, smart and affordable
- Identifies pupils of the school and engenders a sense of community and belonging
- Promotes equality amongst the students in terms of appearance

Uniform Requirements:

- Red gingham dresses
- School grey skirts/trousers/pinafore dresses of appropriate length, no leggings
- Red polo shirt
- Navy sweat shirts/cardigans
- White socks/grey tights
- School grey or black trousers (short or long)
- Red polo shirts
- Navy sweat shirts
- Black/grey socks

Footwear:

We ask that all children wear sensible black shoes. Please do not send your child to school in fashion shoes or boots. Boots are defined as shoes covering the ankle bone and above. Trainers, baseball boots and light-weight canvas shoes of any colour are also unacceptable, along with sandals. Wellington Boots may be worn in wet weather, but please ensure that your child has another pair of shoes to change into on arrival at school.

Physical Education & Sports:

To be worn to school on PE days with a school jumper or cardigan.

1. Plimsolls, (preferably with elastic fronts rather than laces for infant children)
2. Plain red T-shirt, logo T-shirts available at the office
3. Black shorts- no leggings
4. Black plimsolls (indoor); lightweight trainers (optional for outdoors in wet weather)
5. Grey/black 'fleecy' tracksuit for colder weather

Children are not permitted (in line with Health & Safety guidelines) to wear earrings for PE and these have to be removed by the child.

Pre-Loved Uniform and Uniform Grants

The Cann Hall Primary School PTA sell pre-loved uniform and subsidised uniform can be bought from the [smartypantsschoolwear](http://smartypantsschoolwear.com) website for families entitled to Pupil premium Grants.

School Trips:

Depending on the nature of school trips, some uniform requirements may be altered or waived. A school sweatshirt or cardigan will normally be worn.

Other requirements:

Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back so that loose strands do not get in the way of children's learning. Make up and nail varnish are not allowed. Extreme hairstyles/dyed hair are not permitted either. Single stud earrings may be worn but must be removed for PE.

Plain baseball type hats are encouraged to be worn during hot weather.

It is not essential that uniform has the school logo on it although we would encourage parents to purchase the sweatshirts/cardigans with the logo on.

ALL UNIFORM SHOULD BE NAMED for easy identification.

If there are particular special educational or physical needs, or recognised religious requirements which require an adaptation to uniform, these need to be discussed with the SENCO, who will present the case to the Head teacher. No adaptations can be made without agreement of the Head teacher.