



Platt Bridge Community School and Start Well Family Centre  
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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to school at the beginning of this new academic year and we hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday. We would like to welcome all the new pupils and staff that have joined us this term. Class organisation for the new academic year is as follows:-

Class	Teacher(s)
Nursery	Miss Crompton
Reception A	Miss Connelly
Reception B	Mrs Burland
Year 1A	Miss Mouldsdale
Year 1B	Mrs Swales
Year 2A	Miss Barnes
Year 2B	Mrs Farrell
Year 3A	Mrs Wood
Year 3B	Miss Hicks
Year 4A	Mrs Dean
Year 4B	Mr Brown
Year 5A	Miss Newton
Year 5B	Miss Cotter
Year 6A	Miss Lomax
Year 6B	Miss Cameron
Year 6C	Miss Hindley

Mr Lees and Mrs Holderness (formerly Miss Blackburn) will be working in Early Years and KS1

Toast and milk is on sale during morning break for all children from Year 1 through to Year 6. The cost is 20p per slice of toast and 20p per carton of milk. Reception children also receive a healthy snack and this is 40p per pupil per day (The cost of Nursery snack is 40p per session).

Although all children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Free School Meal Grant, if you are entitled to benefits you must still register at the Life Centre in order for the school to receive Pupil Premium Funding. We would be grateful if you could do this immediately and if you need any help we are happy to support you with this process. The school uses this pupil premium funding to fund various activities and resources for your child throughout the year.

Dinner Money remains at £2.15 per day for pupils in Year 3 to Year 6 i.e. £10.75 per week.

'Live Kitchen' enables pupils or parents to select their preferred meal option in advance. It is also possible to set up a direct debit to pay for your child's meals. Please contact the office for further details. If you wish to continue to pay by cash or cheque then you must send all dinner money in an envelope with your child's name clearly shown and hand it to the class teacher. Further details about school meals and 'Live Kitchen' can also be found on the following website.

<http://www.dolce.co.uk/catering/education/parents>

Since January 2018, all school meals ordered and not cancelled by 9.30am will be charged. We realise that there may be circumstance beyond your control but this has been implemented by the school meals provider as there are instances where a lot of food has been wasted. We would appreciate your co-operation in this matter. If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Please may I remind everyone of the school rules regarding uniform. **School uniform must be worn at all times** unless you are notified differently due to a school event or trip. Please note this also includes **black footwear (solid colour)**. If you are unable to send your child in full school uniform then please speak to your child's class teacher at the start of the day. We also request that pupils bring a coat into school every day as the weather is so unpredictable.

As there may be occasions when the school needs to contact parents or carers during the school day, it is vital that you inform school immediately if there are any changes to emergency contact details or home telephone/mobile numbers.

We ask that you notify school first thing in the morning, before 9.30am if possible, if your child is unwell or unable to attend school for any reason. **The main school number is 01942 487999 option 1.** However, you may also report your child's absence by **text on 07937986269.**

It is important for us as a school to foster and maintain positive relationships with parents and carers. We operate an open door policy and we urge parents who have any concerns about their child in school to speak to their child's class teacher in the first instance. If you would like to speak to a member of the pastoral team or senior leadership team at any point please ask a member of the admin team in the main reception area. We would always urge parents to come and talk to us in the first instance and resist airing any views on Facebook or other social media sites. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

 **School App** – this is available to download for free, just go to [www.ourschoolsapp.com](http://www.ourschoolsapp.com) and find our school. This will give you access to a calendar of information for activities taking place in school

I am pleased to be able to announce that Platt Bridge Community School has been successful in an application to take part in the “Magic Breakfast” programme being funded by the DfE. This means we will be able to provide a bagel for every pupil each morning to supplement his or her breakfast and help start the day. These will be available from 8:35 until 8:45 and further details will follow.

As always, the Directors of Community First Academy Trust, Local Governing Body and S at Platt Bridge Community School appreciate your continued support. We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure happiness and success for our children in the year ahead.

Kind regards

Mrs S E Darbyshire  
CEO/Executive Headteacher

Mrs A Howard  
Acting Head of School

Mr M Haskayne  
Deputy Head



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