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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of our first full week back, I would like to take this opportunity to say how immensely proud I am of each and every one of the children. They have shown true resilience, and all have settled beautifully into their classrooms and routines. It has also been really wonderful to welcome our new pre-school and Reception children and their families to our Federation, along with those new children who have joined us across the year groups. We are very excited to welcome you, learn all about you and share your learning journey.

Year Group PE Days

Reception	Tuesdays
Year 1	Thursday & Friday
Year 2	Monday & Wednesday
Year 3	Wednesday & Friday
Year 4	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 6	Monday & Friday

Polite reminder that PE hoodies are no longer part of our PE school uniform. This was communicated in July 2024, with regular reminders through last year that it was the final year for hoodies, in order for parents to have time to plan accordingly. Please ensure on PE days your child wears PE t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms and their normal uniform sweatshirt/cardigan.

End of Day collection

End of the day collection can be a busy time, so please be patient and wait for a class teacher to finish dismissing the class if you wish to speak to them. Their priority is to ensure all children are safely collected, and they will then be able to speak to individual parents.

It is really important that parent supervise younger siblings while waiting to collect their older child. A reminder that no scooters, bikes or other wheeled vehicles are allowed on the playgrounds, so please ask your child to dismount before coming on site. On the Junior playground, we have noticed a lot of younger siblings accessing the play equipment and not being supervised by parents. The equipment is not designed for their age group, and it is only available for use by Junior children at break and lunchtimes, so please do not allow your children to use it while they are waiting at the end of the day,

Greenway Mobile Phone Policy

Last term you were sent the Greenway Mobile Phone Policy, which set out that only 'brick phones' will be allowed and no smart phones or phones with access to the internet will be authorised from September for Year 5 and 6 pupils. Please read the policy in full to ensure you understand what phones will be accepted, to avoid an unnecessary expense if you are



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planning to purchase your child a phone to bring to school. This policy has been adopted by all the schools in our Greenway Partnership and many secondary schools, so a consistent approach has been agreed.

Secondary School Applications

For parents of Year 6 pupils, applications for a Secondary school place for September 2027 opened on 1st September and all applications must be made online by the **deadline of 31st October**.

Applications should be made through BCP website <https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-or-upper-school-place>

We are not able to authorise children visiting schools during the school day, so most Secondary schools organise their events for the evening. If there is a daytime event, a parent can attend without their child.

St Aldhelm's Academy:

Wednesday 16th September 5pm to 7.30pm

Magna Academy:

Thursday 17th September 5:00 – 7:30pm

Oak Academy:

Tuesday 22nd September 5:00 – 7:30pm

Bourne Academy:

Wednesday 23rd September 6:00 – 8:00pm

St Edward's School:

Thursday 24th September 5:30pm to 8pm

Poole High:

There's no Autumn open evening as their open event is held in the summer term. They run arranged tours during the school day for a period of time in September to support prospective Year 6 parents. See school website for details. <https://poolehigh.co.uk/Admissions/School-Tours/>

Afterschool Clubs

Attached to this newsletter are the Autumn 1 Term Afterschool clubs from outside providers. Following an assembly that was led by Kinetic Kate we are very excited to offer the new Science club for our KS2 children. There will be additional staff led clubs beginning after half term and we will keep you updated on these and the links to book them.

Diary Dates

A list of key dates for the year is being prepared and will be sent out next week. This will include events such as Christmas performances, Sports Days and school photographs. We hope by giving the overview for the year, parents are able to plan their calendars accordingly.

Attendance

Well done to all classes for a fabulous start to the academic year. National attendance rates are set to 96% and we are off to an excellent start. A new Livingstone-opoly is launching on Monday and we look forward to enjoying many class treats with your children.

If your child is off sick for more than 1 day and you have not been informed by the office that you do not need to contact us, a daily email or telephone call is expected. This is part of both our attendance and safeguarding policies.

Contact regarding absence is requested before 0900.

If your child is absent, please report this on the email address: student-absence@livingstoneprimary.org. **Please do not send absence emails to the office email.**

If your child sustains an injury outside of school that requires medical intervention, please bring them to the office before starting the school day as a risk assessment may need to be made.

Kind regards,

Claire Addis, Executive Headteacher