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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Reminders for September 2025

Thank you for your continued support over the past academic year, as this has been extremely helpful for the pupils and staff. We have had lots and lots of positives and successes.

This letter is a reminder of some key information in readiness for September and the new academic year ahead. We hope it is beneficial to you.

Summer Reading Challenge:

The children should have brought home a "Story Garden" bookmark in connection with Norfolk Library Service recently and we are asking all our pupils to meet the challenge of reading/listening to at least six books/comics/audiobooks etc. over the six weeks holidays. Let us see if our schools can achieve the highest percentage of pupils achieving the challenge compared to all other schools entering. Certificates and medals will be awarded to those that complete the challenge and a member of the library team will visit in September to award any achieved.

Lines of Communication:

We have many lines of communication, which we utilise in order to relay important messages to families. This was a result of the pandemic and enabled the school to ensure information reached families successfully. However, we are aware that for both staff and families this is a lot to juggle and some families are not sure where to best locate information. We will continue to email and/or print hard copies of letters that need to go home. Copies of these will also be uploaded to our websites for reference. We will also use the telephone to make courtesy calls regarding more serious first aid incidents or to talk more at length about a child. For more urgent and direct messages, staff will use texts or Class Dojo to contact families. Staff will ensure these messages are only sent during school hours and/or only relate to school matters for instance if pupils are going to be delayed returning late from a trip. In return, staff ask that Class Dojo is only used for urgent messaging during school hours regarding school-related matters unless there is an emergency that staff need to be made aware of outside of these times.

P.E. Days:

We would still like children to come to school in their correct P.E. kits (listed below) on their P.E. days, however for any after-school/extra-curricular sporting clubs, we ask that the children change before the club starts into their sporting clothing.

Uniform:

We are very proud of our uniform and enjoy how smart all our pupils look each day. As a result, our uniform code will be enforced throughout the year, so please ensure you are clear as to which items should be worn and which items should not. We have a large selection of second-hand uniform, which is available should this be needed. Unfortunately, we are unable to take in any new items at this present time.

Infants:

School motif maroon sweatshirts/sweatshirt cardigans
Grey/black school skirts or pinafores/Grey or black school trousers
White blouses/shirts or white polo shirts with or without the school motif
Black/Grey tights or knee length black, white or grey socks

In the Summer Term, but not exclusively, the following can be worn:

Red/Maroon (*no other colours*) Gingham dresses or black/grey skirt or black/grey shorts

White polo shirts with or without school motif

All black school shoes (**no trainers of any description nor boots - shoes should be closed-toe**)

White, grey or black socks

(A change of undergarments would be advisable for our youngest of children in case of accidents)

Infant P.E. Kit:

Plain white T-Shirt and black shorts (**No football shirts or T-shirts emblazoned with logos are allowed**)

Black plimsolls/trainers

Tracksuit (plain colours for colder weather)

No jewellery is to be worn, except for those with pierced ears who should only wear single, plain studs.

These must be removed or taped up on PE days.

Our entire uniform, book bags, sun hats and art overalls can be purchased from Harrisons, our supplier.

Main supermarkets or department stores also stock similar uniform without the school logo.

All uniform is to be named.

Juniors:

All shirts/blouses are to be tucked in with collared shirts/blouses to have their buttons done up to the top, enabling the clip-on ties to attach correctly. School uniform is worn by all pupils and can be ordered direct from our supplier: Harrisons Schoolwear in Great Yarmouth, but other supermarkets provide the opportunity to buy school shirts, trousers/skirts/dresses and sweaters/cardigans in the school colours without the school motif.

Maroon sweatshirt/jumper or cardigan with or without school motif. Years 5 & 6 children should wear a maroon V-neck sweater/jumper to accompany their ties with or without a school motif.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6): White, long or short sleeved, collared shirt/blouse with Ormesby Junior clip-on tie. (No polo shirts until the Summer term)

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4): White polo shirt

Plain grey or black school trousers

Plain grey or black knee-length skirt

All black, flat-heeled shoes (**no trainers of any description or boots**)

Grey, black or white socks

Black or grey tights or knee-length black/white/grey socks

In the Summer Term, pupils may wear red/maroon gingham dresses (**no other colours**) or they may wear grey school shorts (no Lycra/cycling/sports shorts). Pupils in Years 5 and 6 may also wear a white polo shirt from the Summer term only, which will not need to be accompanied by their clip-on tie worn in the Autumn and Spring terms.

All children should be provided with an art overall (an old adult sized shirt will be suitable)

Junior P.E. Kit:

A plain, maroon Polo shirt with or without school motif/Plain white T-Shirt (**No football shirts or T-Shirts emblazoned with logos are allowed**)

Plain black shorts

Outdoor trainers

Black plimsolls or trainers for indoor P.E.

Tracksuit (plain colours for colder weather)

One-piece swimming costume / swimming trunks (no Bermuda shorts)

A hair band to tie back long hair for safety purposes.

Please note: for boys' and girls' hair should be one natural colour and worn in a sensible style. Make up, including nail varnish, should not be worn.

To help alleviate the problem of lost property, all clothing, including footwear, should be clearly marked with the child's name.

All P.E. kits should come to school in a drawstring school coloured bag.
Cloakroom space is very limited and does not afford room for large and long sports' bags.

Any concerns with the uniform should be discussed with the Headteacher.

Both Schools:

Valuable Property:

Valuable items should not be worn or brought to school. Children are advised not to bring items to school that are not essential for either their school work or the school day. Storage is limited and we cannot take responsibility for loss or damage.

Cashless Payment System:

As you are all aware, our school uses a cashless system and this will continue in the new year. This system enables parents to pay for dinners and trips more conveniently and securely. Existing parents will already be registered but for any new parents please ensure you have checked your email inbox and or junk mail for the registration link to IRISPAY/PARENTMAIL. Please register as soon as possible, as you will receive reminder emails until you do. Therefore, as we are a cashless school, money should not be brought to school for any reason unless stipulated.

Jewellery:

Jewellery should not be worn to minimise the risk of accidents and the possibility of loss or damage. The only exception is for children with pierced ears who may wear a small, single stud in each ear, provided they are removed for PE and swimming lessons. The children are responsible for removing their studs themselves and if this is a concern to parents then we recommend that studs are not worn on days when there is PE or swimming. The school is unable to accept responsibility for accidents involving studs or other jewellery. In addition, children may wear a watch, which is not a Smart Watch, as this could be linked to a mobile phone receiving or sending messages to people. The children are responsible for removing and collecting watches before and after PE lessons.

Mobile Phones:

Mobile phones are not permitted in classrooms, around school or in the playground. Any parent who wishes their child to carry one for travel/arrangements outside school should ensure that it is handed in to the school office for safe-keeping during the school day and switched off.

Ormesby University:

We are continuing Ormesby University next year for all Junior pupils from September 2025 should they wish to complete it. The pamphlet and accompanying record were recently handed out to all pupils who will be with us in the new year, so it is hoped everything has been clearly explained. The aim is to get children more active and committed to attending extra-curricular activities inside or outside of school. We are hoping to have another graduation in Summer Term 2026 for those who fully complete the record book(s) correctly.

Start and Finish Times:

Attendance at school is vital, especially after all our children have missed so much of their learning over recent years, so please ensure your child is present and on time each day. Children who arrive after 8:55am until 9:15am will be marked as late for school, children arriving after 9:15am will be marked as having an unauthorised absence, unless a reason is provided, such as being unwell. Repeated absence through illness will require evidence from a medical professional as per policy. Staff will ensure classrooms are open at 8:45am promptly to enable pupils to enter school.

Infants: The Infant School begins at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm.

Juniors: The Junior School begins at 8:45am and finishes at 3:30pm.

Extra-Curricular and After-School Clubs (Wrap Around Care Provision):

When the children return on Wednesday 3rd September 2025, please note that our after-school wrap around care provision will be running to assist working parents. This after-school care operates between Mondays and Wednesdays only. Our extra-curricular clubs, such as football etc. will not begin until the first full week beginning on Monday 8th September 2025.

Premier Sports Extra-Curricular Clubs:

Due to financial constraints, we are having to pare back provision offered by Premier Sports which we have all benefited from in recent years. As a result, there will no longer be an after-school club run by them at the Infant school. At the Junior school, they will be limited to only offering two after-school clubs.

We all look forward to seeing our wonderful pupils and families in September after a well-earned and revitalising break.

Stay safe everyone!

Mr. Bradley Young & Miss. Lauren Gardiner
Headteacher *Chair of Governors*

