Dear Parents and Carers,

To the new Reception parents, we are really looking forward to welcoming you and your child to our school in September for their Reception year. We will be doing everything we can to give your child the best possible start to their school life at Walnut Tree Walk, despite the current circumstances. I know that Connor, our Assistant Head, has been communicating regularly with you so I hope that you feel that you have all of the important information you need to know. He and Chris have really enjoyed the Microsoft Teams meetings they have been having individually with you and your children, and hopefully these were an opportunity for you to ask any questions you had.

To the children and families in the other year groups, we look forward to welcoming you all back. We have missed those of you not in school enormously.

Things have been very different in school this term, but we are hoping, and planning, for school to feel more like normal when we return in September. Having said that, there will be some things that we will have to do slightly differently and many of the measures in place to keep everyone safe will remain. This letter will outline some further key points we need to share with you.

### **Return Date**

Years 1 to 6 start back on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Nursery and Reception children will return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### Entrance and exit for children

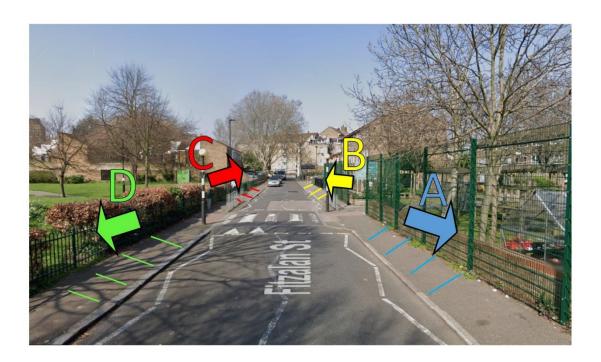
Reception children will enter via the gate on Walnut Tree Walk. Children across the school normally enter using the Fitzalan Street entrance but for the time being in order to maintain some social distancing, we would like Reception children and parents to use the Walnut Tree Walk gate. All other children (Nursery, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) will enter and exit the school via the Fitzalan Street gate as normal.

### Start and end of day times and arrangements

We are staggering the start and end of the day times for each year group, as per government guidelines. To support us with this, we ask that you arrive promptly at your time. For Year 1 to 6 parents, please wait on the green opposite school until your allocated time. Please note that we may have to review and change these times if after the first week we find that social distancing is not being safely observed.

Class	Start Time	Collection Point	End Time	Parent waiting point	
Nursery	9:10am	Nursery	3:30pm	Fitzalan Street until	
				invited in	
Reception (Connor)	8:45am	WTW back	3pm	WTW back	
	(WTW gate)	playground		playground	
Reception (Chris)	8:45am	WTW back	3pm	WTW back	
	(WTW gate)	playground		playground	
Year 1 (Aimee)	8:45am	Line A, Fitzalan St	3pm	Line A, Fitzalan St	
Year 1 (Elio)	8:45am	Line B, Fitzalan St	3pm	Line B , Fitzalan St	
Year 2	8:45am	Line C, Fitzalan St	3:10pm	Line C, Fitzalan St	
Year 3	9am	Line A, Fitzalan St	3:10pm	Line A, Fitzalan St	
Year 4 (Caitlin)	9am	Line B, Fitzalan St	3:20pm	Line B, Fitzalan St	
Year 4 (Talsia)	9am	Line C, Fitzalan St	3:20pm	Line C, Fitzalan St	
Year 5	9am	Line D, Fitzalan St	3:20pm	Line D, Fitzalan St	
Year 6	8:30am	Line A, Fitzalan St	3:20pm	Line A, Fitzalan St	

Please see the diagram below that shows where each class will need to line up at the start of the day, and where parents need to wait for their children at the end of each day. Please note that different classes use the same meeting points at different times, so you may have to wait on the green until the class before yours has finished entering or leaving before lining up.



**Reception Parents:** The two Reception classes will enter and exit via the Walnut Tree Walk gate in order to facilitate a smooth start and end of day during the transition period, and to provide space so that families can socially distance from each other. We will do this for as long as is needed.

Only parents of Nursery and Reception children can enter the school playgrounds. All other children will be dropped at the gate. For Nursery and Reception children, only one parent can enter the school playground. We know that particularly on the first day of school, both parents sometimes like to bring the children in as it is a really important day for you as families. However, if every child came with two

parents we would have 180 people at the entrance to the Reception class and 90 at the entrance to Nursery at one time – making social distancing impossible! We ask that if two parents bring a child to school, only one comes into the playground and to the classroom door.

# Parents with siblings in other year groups

We understand that some of you may have children in various year groups and that the staggered start and end times will take a while to get used to. These timings will help us to limit gatherings and avoid having lots of children in the same place at the same time. Our plans have to focus on and prioritise the health and safety of all children, families and staff, and we are grateful for your support with this.

We have staggered the start and end times to the shortest amount of time we feel that we can safely get the children in and out of school. This system relies on us all working together and it is essential that you are on time both at the start and end of the day. Please bear with us at home time, particularly in the first week or two, as you may have to wait a little past your allocated end of the day time for us to be able to safely get each child to their parent.

**Reception Parents:** If you have a child in another year group, once you have dropped your child to their Reception class, please leave via the Walnut Tree Walk gate and walk round to Fitzalan Street ready for their start time. The exception is for Reception parents with siblings in Year 2 as they start at the same time. When you enter the Walnut Tree Walk gate, send your Year 2 child through the playground, past the office and into the main playground where their teacher will be waiting for them. You can then take your Reception child to their classroom. Staff will be there to guide you.

# Water bottles, PE t-shirts and book bags

Attached in this email is an order form. Please complete and return it to Sharon Hall <u>shall@wtwschool.co.uk</u> by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July if you would like any of these items. This will be added to your online ScoPay bill which you can pay online in September. The items you order will be sent home with your child on the first day (and the water bottle will be ready for them to use that day when they come in). We will be writing to the new Nursery and Reception parents soon with the details of how the Scopay system works, but you do not need to pay anything until September. The PE t-shirts are needed for all children and we recommend buying two per child. You can provide your own water bottle from home if you prefer, but most children opt for the school ones. Book bags are optional – a rucksack is equally as good. We also sell school sweatshirts which again are optional. These will be available when we return in September but are not available for pre-order.

## **Bikes and scooters**

It is more important than ever that the roads around the school, particularly Fitzalan Street, are kept clear of cars as the pavements will be very congested. Please do not drive to school unless this is absolutely necessary, as we need to have the road as clear as possible for pedestrians. <u>We actively encourage as many of you as possible to walk to school.</u> If your child is going to ride a bike or scooter to school, we ask that you take the bike or scooter home with you after the morning drop off. Being a school located in central London, our playground space is limited at the best of times, but for the

foreseeable future we must keep all year groups separate at all times, meaning that the playground will be broken up into smaller sections for classes to use. We therefore need every available bit of space, so I hope you understand this decision.

We know that some of you travel in from further afield by bike, and in these circumstances we will do our best to accommodate your child's bike or scooter in school. If you feel this applies to you and you need to leave your child's bike here, please contact Sharon Hall and we will do our best to accommodate this.

# **Breakfast bagels**

Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide the toasted bagels in the playground before school until the school is operating back to normal. In the autumn term, we will be providing fortnightly breakfast boxes (containing bagels and cereal) for any families eligible for Free School Meals who would like one. These will need to be collected fortnightly from the school and will provide you with breakfast to have at home before coming to school. I will write to the eligible parents in September with details of this offer.

## **School Meals**

Please send Sharon your allergy form if you have not already done so, as a matter of urgency. Our new catering provider, ISS, have provided us with the menus for the autumn term. A reminder that the main menu below is what is available for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

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WEEN UNE	Spinach & Lentil Dahl with Rice	۲	Vegetable Calzone		Roasted Vegetarian Strips with Gravy & Roast Potatoes	۰	Margherita Pizza 🔹	Spicy Bean Burger in a Bun with Chips	
5	Fresh Bread & Daily Salad		Fresh Bread & Daily Salad		Fresh Bread & Daily Salad		Fresh Bread & Daily Salad	Fresh Bread & Daily Salad	
	Sweetcorn & Broccoli		Peas & Cauliflower		Carrots & Green Beans		Sweetcorn & Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables	Peas & Baked Beans	Pla Veg
	Peaches & Fruit Melba Sauce with Ice Cream		Yoghurt Bar		Oaty Apple & Berry Crumble with Custard		Orange Jelly & Fruits	Fresh Fruit Salad	
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WEEN HINEL	Butterbean & Vegetable Tagine with Cous Cous		Quorn Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy		Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	۰	Red Onion & Sweetcorn Pizza 🕚	Cheese & Broccoli Quiche with Chips	۲
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							Sweetcorn & Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables		
5	Peach Fool		Yoghurt Bar		Apple & Banana Cake with Custard		Strawberry Jelly & Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit Salad	

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be having the packed lunch menu below for the month of September. After this we will review the situation and they might continue with this menu for the rest of the term or possibly move on to the main menu if at all possible.

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken & Egg Noodle Salad or Fry's Veggie Strips & Egg Noodle Salad	Egg Mayo, Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cream Cheese & Cucumber or Houmous & Red Pepper Baguette (Halal Chicken Available)	Honey Roast Chicken or Cheddar Cheese, Tomato & Red Onion Tart	Egg Salad, Cheddar Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cream Cheese & Cucumber or Houmous & Red Pepper Loaded & Folded Wrap	Flaked Tuna & Bean Penne Pasta Salad or Tomato & Mixed Bean Penne Pasta Salad with Herb Focaccia
Salad & Vegetable Sticks	Mixed Seasonal Salad	Potato & Chive Salad		Salad & Vegetable Sticks
Oat Dream Cookie			Lemon Shortbread	Toffee Apple Muffin 'Traybake'
	Yoghurt Pot		Yoghurt Pot	Fresh Seasonal Fruit
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
Oven Baked vegetable Samosa, Charred Naan Bread & Red Onion Salad	Egg Mayo, Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cream Cheese & Cucumber or Houmous & Red Pepper Baguette (Halal Chicken Available)	Homemade Chicken & Bramley Apple Sausage Roll or Homemade Red Lentil & Vegetable Sausage Roll	Egg Salad, Cheddar Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cream Cheese & Cucumber or Houmous & Red Pepper Loaded & Folded Wrap	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Curried Chicken Rice Salad or Beany Rice Salad with Asian Bread	Egg Mayo, Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cream Cheese & Cucumber or Houmous & Red Pepper Baguette (Halal Chicken Available)	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta Salad or Roast Vegetable & Bean Pasta Salad	Egg Salad, Cheddar Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cream Cheese & Cucumber or Houmous & Red Pepper Loaded & Folded Wrap	
Ginger Biscuit				Chocolate Oat Biscuits

# Term Dates for 2020-21

Please see below the term dates for the academic year ahead. Please note that we have 4 additional INSET days (where the school is closed to the children) which we have not yet set a date for. We will contact you early next academic year with these dates.

## Autumn Term 2020: 1<sup>st</sup> half

# Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 – Staff Inset Day - School closed for pupils

Years 1-6 Thursday 3rd September 2020—Friday 23rd October 2020

Nursery and Reception Monday 7th September 2020

### Half Term Holiday

Monday 26th October 2020—Friday 30th October 2020

### Autumn Term 2020: 2<sup>nd</sup> half

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 — Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

(School will close at 1.30pm on Friday 18th December)

### **Christmas Holiday**

Monday 21st December 2020—Friday 1st January 2021

#### Spring Term 2021: 1<sup>st</sup> half

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021—Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

#### Half Term Holiday

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021—Friday 19th February 2021

## Spring Term 2021: 2<sup>nd</sup> half

Monday 22nd February 2021—Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

(School will close at 1:30pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021)

#### **Easter Holiday**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021—Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## Summer Term 2021: 1<sup>st</sup> half

Monday 19th April 2021—Friday 28th May 2021

### N.B .School will be closed on Monday 3rd May for Bank Holiday

#### Half Term Holiday

Monday 31st May 2021—Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Summer Term 2021: 2<sup>nd</sup> half

Monday 7th June—Friday 23rd July 2021

### (School will close at 1:30pm on Friday 23rd July)

#### **Summer Holiday**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021— September 2021 (date to be announced)

### Please note there are 4 further inset days to be confirmed

I hope you all have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best Wishes,

Andrew