



# The Apple

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## Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a brilliant start to the term with the pupils settling straight into their work. This is an amazing achievement with all of the changes that the government have said had to be in place for our return. We are now working towards the new national curriculum, we are providing school meals for all of those pupils in years 1 and 2 who need them, and we have changed our procedures for pupils with special educational needs. This combined with the building work and academisation process could have caused huge disruption but thanks to the support of parents/carers, the hard work of all staff and the wonderful attitudes shown by pupils we are well on track to ensure that your children get the best possible deal.

The greatest challenge so far this year has been the provision of hot meals for the pupils in Years R, 1 and 2. Whilst everything has been in place in school there have been a number of teething issues with our new company. We are working tirelessly to ensure that the provision improves. One of the main issues is the number of options available on the menu and the company's ability to provide these on the scale required. As such, once the current menu has ended we are hoping to offer option 1, a vegetarian option or a jacket potato. This should allow Food4Thought to provide the quality and quantity of food that we require.

Our themes are now up and running and the topic grids (telling you what each year group will be doing) and homework grids are now on the school website. I can't wait to see the work that the children produce and am looking forward to a great term.

Paul Hill  
Headteacher

## School Meals

**Wednesday morning is now the cut off for lunch menus to be returned to school.**

## Academisation

We are currently on track to academise within the next two months. We are just waiting for one outstanding piece of paperwork before the conversion can take place.

## Labelling School Uniform

At the start of the school year many pupils have **new uniform and P.E. kit**. It is essential that all school clothing is **labelled** with the pupil's **full name**. It becomes almost impossible to track down lost clothing if a name label is not present.

## Water Bottles

Water bottles will now be sent home each evening in order to ensure that they can be cleaned and refilled. All pupils will continue to be able to refill their bottles using the school water coolers.

## Headlice

We have had reports of a number of cases of head lice in school. Please can all Parents/Carers check their children's hair and take the necessary action if lice are found.

## The Walking Bus

Unfortunately we are unable to staff the walking bus at present. All Parents/Carers who use the walking bus should have received a letter regarding alternative arrangements. The letter is available in the newsletter section of the school website if it has not made it home!

## PE Kit

It has been great to see so many pupils in year 1-6 in black t-shirts for PE. We have ordered more t-shirts with the school logo on and these should be available in the school office from 22<sup>nd</sup> September. PE t-shirts do not have to have the school logo on but it would be great if all of the children had a black t-shirt as they grow out of their current kit. This year we will be monitoring the number of pupils who forget their kit and will be providing alternative activities should their kit not be in school. If your child does forget then we will send a note home to let you know. The best way to ensure that kit is always in school is to send it in on a Monday and then take it home for washing on a Friday.