

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and your children are looking forward to returning to school next week. I know we are looking forward to welcoming them back. The new term will start at Thorntree Academy on **Monday 6th September**.

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, school will be different for your child when they return to school. Staggered start and finish times are no longer advised, children will be able to have break times and lunchtimes together and all will be able to take part in practical lessons and sports with other classes and year groups.

Reception to Year 6 should be at school by 8.50am, with doors opening at 8.40am. The school day finishes at 3pm. Attendance is mandatory for all school age children. By attending school it keeps your child's education on track, ensuring they do not fall behind and they achieve their full potential, while also benefitting their mental and physical health and wellbeing.

We are doing everything we can to ensure your child can continue to attend school, with plans in place should anyone test positive for Covid-19. Further information can be found in the leaflet attached to this newsletter—*Taking your child to primary school: what you need to know*

Entrance & Exit Doors

Upper Hall	UKS2 Door	LKS2 Door	Dining Hall Door	KS1 Door	Rec Door
Y6	Y5	Y3 & Y4	Y2	Y1 & Y1/2	Rec



School Uniform

From September uniform expectations for everyone are as follows:

- Plain white shirt or polo shirt
- Royal blue jumper or cardigan
- Grey or black trousers or skirt
- Plain black shoes or trainers **without coloured logos**

Please remember coloured logos, 'Ugg' style boots,, leggings and joggers / tracksuit bottoms are not permitted.

Breakfast Club

Due the success of children attending Breakfast Club in their key phase this arrangement will continue. Breakfast Club will re-start week beginning 13th September, 2021.

Places are limited so if you do require a place please **email**

thorntree@thorntreeacademy.org.uk

or **call** 01642 242309 to request a space.

Please remember Reception children are invited to attend from the Spring term. Thank you



Lollipops situated at Norfolk Place, Berwick Hills continues to be our local uniform supplier.

PE Kit

From September 2021, **all** children will be expected to wear full school PE kit.

We are pleased to inform you that we will providing a free PE kit for all children in Years 1 to Year 6.

This will comprise of:

Black shorts, white t-shirt (with school logo), black PE shoes and a blue kit bag (with school logo).

Kit will be distributed at the start of the new academic year.



Key Dates Autumn Term 2021

6th September - Children return to school
22nd October - Break up for October Half Term
1st November - Children return to school
26th November - Staff Professional Development Day - school closed to children
17th December - Children break up for Christmas Holidays

Parent Meetings will be taking place later this month - further details to follow

Attendance

Please remember attendance is compulsory for all school age children. Thorntree Academy recognises the importance of regular attendance at school and good punctuality. Regular attendance is a prerequisite to a good education and is therefore one of our key priorities. We are committed to providing a full and exciting educational experience for all children.



As you are aware from September 2021, Hutchison Catering will be providing meals to Thorntree Academy. The cost of a paid meal will be £2.10 / day.

Hutchison Catering are delighted to be working with the Extol Trust family of schools.

A bit about Hutchison Catering.....

We love food and want to bring you the best in local ingredients.

We value the food journey, 'farm to fork' is key to what we do.

Our menus are refreshed every term to reflect the seasons so we can offer the best produce.

Our 'Food Explorers' concept will keep the children entertained and educated!



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5 Key Facts about our menus...

1. 85% of our food is made on site
2. We can trace our meat back to the farm it was reared on
3. All our fish is from the blue MSC label supporting our seas
4. All our chicken is RSPCA certified
5. All our eggs are free range



Don't forget to stay up to date with regular messages by downloading the School Ping App.

Please call the main school office on 01642 242309 if you require any further information or support with this.

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