



# Coopersale Hall School

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Dear Parents

### Re: Headmistress's Letter

Thank you for all of your support and cooperation since the beginning of term. I hope your children have enjoyed the first few weeks, particularly if you joined us for the first time in September. The pupils have settled very well and I have been delighted to see them rising to the challenges of the new school year.

Thank you for supporting our Harvest Donations so generously. It was lovely to see all of the many contributions that will be going to the Manna Centre for the Homeless in Southwark.

### PARENTS' EVENINGS

Formal Parents' Evenings for Kindergarten to Year 6 pupils will be held from Monday 16 November to Tuesday 24 November. You will be able to book your appointment online. Closer to the time I will send out more information and guidelines for you to follow on the night, but in order for you to be able to plan childcare I thought the dates might be helpful in advance:

- Kindergarten Monday 16 November 3:15pm to 6:00pm  
Wednesday 18 November 3:15pm to 6:00pm
- Reception Monday 16 November 3:15pm to 6:00pm  
Wednesday 18 November 3:15pm to 6:00pm
- Year 1 Tuesday 17 November 3:30pm to 6:00pm  
Thursday 19 November 3:30pm to 6:00pm
- Year 2 Monday 16 November 3:30pm to 6:00pm  
Wednesday 18 November 3:30pm to 6:00pm
- Year 3 Monday 16 November 3:45pm to 6:00pm  
Wednesday 18 November 3:45pm to 6:00pm
- Year 4 Tuesday 17 November 3:45pm to 6:00pm  
Thursday 19 November 3:45pm to 6:00pm
- Year 5N Monday 16 November 3:45pm to 6:00pm  
Wednesday 18 November 3:45pm to 6:00pm
- Year 5L Tuesday 17 November 3:45pm to 6:00pm  
Thursday 19 November 3:45pm to 6:00pm
- Year 6 Monday 23 November 3:45pm to 6:00pm  
Tuesday 24 November 3:45pm to 6:00pm

### SOME REMINDERS

#### Car Parks

Please reduce your speed when approaching the school on our driveway and drive carefully in our car parks. We have seen some cars drive far too fast with young children walking nearby. Assume that children and adults will be around you. Our maintenance team helps with parking - please take note of their directions. If you are using the "Drop Off" lane, please do so as swiftly as possible to avoid causing congestion. Never let your children wander around the car parks unsupervised.

## Parents' Association

The Friends of Coopersale Hall School (FoCHS) held their AGM on Thursday 1 October. The Committee works extremely hard to organise events and to enhance the children's experiences in school. If you would like to join the team then please contact the Chair, via the office. We will be grateful for as much support as possible. We are grateful for all the FoCHS team contributes, including the wet play games recently purchased.

## School Uniform

Although we have taken a more relaxed approach to school uniform this term due to the various supply issues, I would like to remind families that children should come to school in their full school uniform if they are not having PE or an after school club.

We take great care to maintain high standards of uniform and presentation at school, and as we return to wintery weather I would like to remind you that after half term, all pupils should be wearing the winter uniform. This includes the regulation school coat purchased from the uniform shop; please do not wear alternative coats. In cold weather, the school woollen hat and scarf, which are available from the uniform suppliers, should be worn. No pupils should wear coloured or patterned hats, gloves or scarves.

Boots are not a part of school uniform, including the Early Years classes, so please make sure that pupils have sturdy black school shoes through the winter. When it snows, pupils may wear boots to and from school but will need to wear shoes on site and in the buildings.

## Home/School Links/Parent/School Communication

We value the excellent range of communication links we have between school and home. We encourage parents to make use of our email facility – please see the staff list on our website for the links. We will text you via our 'Groupcall' texting facility and we share highlights on social media several times each week!

Please remember that you can access a lot of information from our website that is updated regularly, as well as our most informative app. We also use YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to share news about school life.

## Open Morning

We are holding a virtual Open Morning for prospective and current parents on Tuesday 6 October. This is a good opportunity to view the school at work and refresh your memories of areas of the school with which you may be less familiar. A link to view the virtual Open Morning will be sent out for you to view after the virtual event.

## Some New Initiatives this Term

### EducationCity

All the children from Kindergarten to Year 6 should have brought home login details for a new platform we introduced in school. Some of the homework for all of the children will be set on EducationCity during the week. If you have not yet logged on, please do that as soon as possible.

### Seesaw

Another new platform we have introduced to children from Year 1-6 is Seesaw. In the simplest term; Seesaw is like a child friendly Facebook between your child and their teachers. Teachers can set work on Seesaw, children then 'post' their work for the teachers to mark it online. The login details for Seesaw should reach you by the end of this week.

### Self-Isolation

As you will know, Year 3 and 4 had to start self-isolation earlier this week. The process of getting all the children home and set up for remote learning went really well. During the first weeks in school, the staff have been working incredibly well on training and getting ready for a possible lockdown. I am very thankful and proud of how well the staff have adjusted to living with the possibility of remote learning. Both EducationCity and Seesaw will be used more during any self-isolation periods.

The same procedures will be followed if we have to isolate another bubble, and we have decided to make some changes to the sizes of the bubbles in school. From Monday, each year group will be in their own bubble. None of the year groups will share time in school with any other year group. In order to facilitate this, Miss Crick had the mammoth task of setting up a new system for break and lunch times that have already started.

May I encourage all of our families to keep following the Government guidelines to keep your family and the school community safe.

### Forthcoming Events

#### Tuesday 6 October

Virtual Open Morning

9.30am

#### Wednesday 7 October

5N Parents Transition Meeting with Claire Osborn

8.45-9.45am

5L Parents Transition Meeting with Claire Osborn

10-11am

NO ART CLUB TODAY

#### Friday 9 October

NO ART CLUB TODAY

#### Monday 12 October – Friday 16 October

Assessments for the whole school taking place this week

am/pm

#### Monday 12 October

Last Golf session for the term

After School

#### Wednesday 14 October

NO ART CLUB TODAY

#### Friday 16 October

ART CLUB IS ON

After School

#### Monday 19 October – Friday 30 October – Half Term Holidays

Monday 2 November – Back to school

As always, if you have any concerns or questions you would like to discuss, please contact your child's form teacher or telephone the school office to arrange an appointment. We would be very happy to see you.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Moreen Barnard  
Headmistress



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