

Thank you very much for all for your patience as we work out the new systems at Viscount Beaumont's and welcome everyone back to school this week. There are a few tweaks to procedures and updates to share with you.

### **School Dinners**

Thank you for your understanding with sending your child with a packed lunch every day (Year 1-6). We are re-opening the school kitchen from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. This is also in line with Reception coming in full-time which includes lunchtime. Please follow this link so we have up-to-date dinner choices for your child.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=scqKa34oKkyywPHprT5VuBMvwajpsx9IudbHlkyQnhNUNzhLMVRGWEQ1VIUyUTIXMVI0TVhORUJJRy4u>

### **Bookbags and Rucksacks**

Thank you to everyone who has been using their book bag. They are the perfect size to keep in the classroom and ensure your child can easily carry their books to and from school. If your child hasn't yet found their bookbag at home please try to find it by the 14<sup>th</sup> September, ready for reading books to come home that week. If your child is new to the school, they should be given a new bookbag that week.

*Has your child left Viscount Beaumont's to go to secondary school? Do you have a spare book bag at home that they no longer need? If this is the case, we would love to reduce waste by reusing them. Please send them in with their sibling - making sure we know it is a spare one!*

I understand some people may have lost their bookbag and would like to send a rucksack. Please do not send your child with a rucksack or large bag to school. Without rucksacks, we are reducing the congestion in the cloakrooms and are able to speed up the time it takes for children to enter and exit the school. If your child has not got a bookbag by the 14<sup>th</sup> September, we will talk to you about other arrangements and how we can support with this.

### **Home/School Communication**

Due to the fact that you can't communicate with teachers at the start or end of the school day like you previously would have done, we are looking into other ways for you to communicate and hope to update you next week. Today you will receive a letter about an early parent's evening so you can talk to your child's teacher about how your child has settled in.

**Remember:** Please keep your distance when picking up and dropping off your child rather than approaching teachers to talk to them. At any time you can call the office on *01530 412480* or email [office@viscountbeaumonts.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@viscountbeaumonts.leics.sch.uk) to leave a message or organise to talk to the class teacher.

Please follow our twitter page [@ViscBeaumonts](https://twitter.com/ViscBeaumonts) where you can see photos and updates throughout the week.

### **Dropping off and Picking up**

Wow! Thank you so much for following the rules at the start of the day. Everyone from Reception to Year 6 have been absolutely brilliant and it means we have been able to get children inside and ready to learn really quickly. I know we have had to tweak things each day which might have caused some confusion. Children have been practising the routines during the school day and we hope there will be minimal changes from now on (and at the same time, keep up with Government guidelines).

### **Front Playground for Years 2-6:**

At the start of the day:

- At drop off time, lots of parents are choosing to send their children through the gate by themselves. Please remember to keep 2m apart from other parents and that you are responsible for your child until the doors open at 8:40am for Y5/6 and 8:50am for Y2/3/4.

- Even though parents are dropping off outside, you are welcome to come onto the playground to drop off your child and walk through the side gates. Again, continue to keep 2m apart from other parents, children and staff.
- We are looking into painting the playground to give children a fixed space to stand which could help with lining up.

At the end of the day, the front playground is getting a little congested.

- Please ensure you are keeping 2 metres apart from each other.
- When the gates open at 2:55pm, you can enter the playground if you are picking up children in Year 5 or 6.
- The original plan was for parents to line up against the fence. However, to give everyone enough space, you can spread out across the playground, ensuring you keeping 2m from other parents, the children and staff.
- The teacher will release one child at a time so they know they are safely with the person picking them up. Please be patient as we create a system that works safely for everyone.
- At pick up time you must enter the playground so everyone can leave via the side gate which allows us to keep to the one-way system.
- If you are picking up a child in Year 2/3/4 please wait outside the fence until Year 5/6 have been released. This will also make it easier for teachers to release their class promptly. If you have children in both classes then please wait on the playground (keeping 2m apart from other parents). We are trying to release siblings first to reduce your waiting times. Children must be kept with you and no games can be played on the playground.

Thank you very much for all your ongoing support,

Miss Coull

Headteacher