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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Sabden Primary,

Another busy, and thankfully full, academic year nearing its end with only a few days to go until our summer break.

This year started well with everyone determined to get back on our feet after two years of Covid struggles, lockdowns and empty classrooms. Attendance was back to normal rates, Ofsted made a successful visit to the school in October and we were working hard to mitigate the loss of education and learning over the two years. Covid infections seemed to hit us hard after the Christmas holidays but soon dispersed leaving us with only 1 positive case since March.

It was with some twisted relief that our absences went back to the usual tummy bugs with a little sprinkling of scarlet fever and hand, foot and mouth. Despite all this, our overall attendance for this year remains high at 97.5%, so very well done to the children who show a great deal of resilience and to the parents who support the school in bringing their children to school.

We've had a few children leave us this year due to relocation but are delighted that we will not only be welcoming three new children (Y1 x2, Y5 x1) into school next year but that we also have a new full Reception class to swell the ranks.

This year the children at Sabden have enjoyed a wealth of enrichment activities and experiences and my thanks go out to the wonderful staff at school who have organised and accommodated such events.

And so here we are again, another year over and another class of Year 6's leaving us to start their high school adventures. For the past few years we have never really been able to say a proper 'goodbye' to our Year 6 young people and so feel quite blessed this year that we can. We wish all of them so much happiness, success and peace as they move away from us, not only in the next few years of their education but in life in general. They have been an absolutely smashing group of children and we most genuinely will miss their personalities, opinions and challenge. Good Luck!

I have attached the arrangements for next academic year (2022 – 2023) alongside this letter. As you will see very little has changed.

Thank you from the staff team for all the support, kind words and appreciation over the year and I wish you a happy holiday and as stress free six weeks as possible!

Best wishes
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Arrangements for 2022 - 2023

CLASS STRUCTURE

This year classes will go back to normal without the need to split any year group.

EYFS – Nursery and Reception children. Mrs Jackson will continue as the EYFS class teacher and Mrs Scott will support.

Class 1 – Year 1 and Year 2. Miss Thompson will continue as the class teacher with Mrs Black supporting.

Class 2 – Year 3 and 4. Miss Lofthouse is continuing as the class teacher and am delighted to say she has been given a permanent teaching role at Sabden. Mrs Thompson will support.

Class 3 – Year 5 and 6. Mrs Murray continues as the class teacher.

PE DAYS

PE days for children from Year 1 through to Year 6 will be Wednesday and Friday afternoons starting the week beginning Monday 5th September.

Reception children take part in some sort of physical activity every day whether that is a formal PE lesson, a forest school activity, a run about in the playground or an active learning session.

HOMEWORK

Reception children will bring home phonics/ spellings and their home learning journal (all sorts of activities) each week.

Year 1 & 2 – Children in Year 1 will bring home weekly spellings, number bonds and times tables. They will be checked in class.

Years 2 (starting summer term 23), 3, 4, 5 & 6. Children will be bringing published sets of homework books for Grammar and Punctuation and Reading home after the summer holiday. You will be informed each week which pages to do and when to bring the books back for marking. The finer details will be sent to you by your child's teacher when we send the books home.

TIMINGS

Timings for school remain the same.

Start of the day: Gates open 8.45am, into school for 8.55am.

End of the day: Nursery and Reception finish at 3.25pm, parents can go up to the EYFS classroom to collect their child. Years 1 to 6 finish at 3.30pm and leave school by their respective doors on Whalley Road.

LATENESS/ ATTENDANCE

Our school attendance target for the year 2022 - 2023 is 97%. Children who are below 95% are monitored within school and children with an attendance rate of 90% and lower are

regarded as a cause of concern. For 22/23 we will be requesting support from Lancashire County Council attendance scheme to work with families where attendance is an issue (i.e., 90% or lower).

For the vast majority who get your children to school on time I thank you. However, some children are continually late for class – this disrupts the other children, is embarrassing for your child and frustrating for the teacher as she has to explain the learning again to the late child. After the summer holiday any child who is late to school and has missed learning will be expected to stay in at the next playtime to catch up. If the child is so late for class and has missed a large chunk of learning unfortunately this will be hard to address.

IN TERM HOLIDAYS

Unfortunately, we do not authorise holidays taken during term time, unless there are very exceptional circumstances. We value the education we give to the children and feel the consequences when the child has missed large chunks of learning.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN IN NURSERY, RECEPTION AND KS1

Any child in these classes must be collected by a young person/ adult aged 16 years and over and not another child. Previous arrangements with some families will not be able to continue and all children within the ages stated above will need an adult to collect them.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

We will be running enrichment clubs during the term Autumn 1, 2022. We will not be running any after school enrichment clubs during Autumn 2 or Spring 1 but will resume late Spring and into the Summer 2023 term.

	KS1	KS2
Monday	No clubs on Mondays – staff meeting night.	
Tuesday	Board Games	Dance/ Musical Theatre Rounders
Wednesday	Arts and Crafts Club Spanish	Pro Sport Choir
Thursday	Lego Club	Art Club

All clubs will be £10.00 and will be available to pay for from 20th July 2022 on ParentPay. Places will be limited and on a first come first served basis. We have deliberately kept costs to a minimum this term and each session works out at £1.67 per hour for the club/ childcare provision.

Clubs will start on the week beginning 5th September for 6 weeks, with no clubs the final week before half term (w/c 17th October 2022).

UNIFORM

No changes here. Please make sure that new Year 6 children switch to a jade green jumper (from Gray's) and that nursery children coming into reception class switch to the red (again, can be bought from Gray's).

On PE days children come to school in their PE kit uniform.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We continue to provide early morning care for all pupils from Reception to Year 6 at £5.00 per session, with a 10% discount for siblings. Sessions start at 7.30am until 8.55am and breakfast is served from 7.30am until 8.20am. Children arriving after 8.20am will not be given a breakfast as the group goes out for morning outdoor activities at 8.30am.

Children arriving after 8.30am should go to the main school gate to be let in.

BLOOMING BUDS

We do not have any plans yet to re-open our after-school provision in school. However, we do have a good relationship with Blooming Buds who are based at Simonstone Primary School.

Children are picked up at the end of the school day from Sabden and taken by car to the club in Simonstone where they can have a light meal and stay until 6pm. If you would like to enquire please ring the club on 07476943162.