



Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Grazebrook Families,

Re: Welcome Back, Meet the Teacher Sessions and Key Reminders

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer break. It is a pleasure to welcome you and your children back to school as we begin an exciting new academic year. The children have had a fantastic start to the term, settling into their new classrooms and spending time with their teachers and the adults who will be supporting them this year.

A very special welcome to all the families who are joining our school community for the first time. We are delighted to have you with us and are truly looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks.

As a reminder, please see below our senior leadership team structure for the year ahead. Please feel free to approach us at the gate if you have any questions, queries, or need assistance.

			
Nicole Reid Executive Headteacher	Katie Beecroft Headteacher	Simone Bunbury Deputy Headteacher	Flora Steafel Assistant Headteacher

Please also find below a reminder of the details of the Meet the Teacher sessions with the addition of the Nursery date:

Monday 7th September at 3.45pm: Year 5 and Year 6
 Tuesday 8th September at 12.30pm: Reception
 Wednesday 9th September at 3.45pm: Year 1 and Year 2
 Thursday 10th September at 3.45pm: Year 3 and Year 4
 Friday 25th September at 8.45am: Main Nursery

These sessions will take place in your child's new classroom or partner classroom. We will ensure that if you attend with your child and they do not wish to remain in the room, there will be provision for them to play in another classroom or outside area supervised by members of our staff. For safety reasons, children will not be able to play outside unsupervised.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for ensuring your child has arrived on time for learning this week. Arriving punctually in the morning allows children to have a settled, positive start to their day. A reminder that the **lining up bell rings at 8.53am with pupils going into their classrooms at 8.55am.**

School Uniform and Water Bottles

Please ensure that school uniform items, particularly coats, jumpers, cardigans, bags and water bottles are clearly named. We are unable to return unnamed items to pupils. They will be placed on the lost property rail at the front of the school.

Healthy Snacks and Items

To help us maintain a safe and positive environment, we would like to share a few important reminders:

- Hackney provides all Early Years and Key Stage 1 children with fruit or vegetable morning snacks. Key Stage 2 children may bring a snack for morning play. This must be a healthy choice such as fruit, vegetables, rice cakes or yogurt (no crisps please). These can be kept in children's bags or packed lunch boxes until playtime.
- No food products containing nuts or sesame are allowed at school and children must not swap, share or trade their food with others as we have several children in school with severe, life-threatening allergies. While a snack may be perfectly safe for your child, it could be highly dangerous to another. Please reinforce this "no-sharing" rule at home.
- To support our Healthy School Policy and ensure children have the sustained energy they need for afternoon learning, we ask that packed lunches are well-balanced. These may include sandwiches, wraps or pasta salads, yogurt, cheese cubes or crackers as well as fruit or veggie sticks (cucumber/carrots). Fizzy drinks or high-sugar energy drinks, sweets, chocolate bars or any nut products (e.g., Nutella, peanut butter) are not permitted.

Mobile Phones, Smart Watches and Items from Home

- We kindly ask that all personal toys, including fidget items, pop-its and trading cards, remain at home. Personal items frequently get lost, misplaced or broken, which causes upset during the school day. A small number of appropriate fidget toys and mindfulness activities are available to children in their classroom calm corners, therefore, there is no need to bring items from home.
- Children are not permitted to have mobile phones or smart watches on their person during the school day. If your child is in Upper Key Stage 2 and you have given permission for them to travel independently to and from school, they must hand any phones and/or smart watches into the school office if they attend breakfast club and to their class teacher if they are arriving at 8.55am. Items are then returned to the children at the end of their school day.

After School Clubs

KS1 and KS2 Autumn After School Club details will be shared by Ms Correa, our Extended Schools Leader, today, with bookings opening from Monday 7th September. Unfortunately, Mr Cook is unable to run his club this term, but all other clubs will be running as usual with some new clubs on offer as well.

The staff would like to wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you at the Meet the Teacher sessions next week.

Best wishes



Katie Beecroft
Headteacher