



Colvestone Primary School

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Dear Families

RE: END OF SUMMER TERM 2021

I write with further updates in preparation for September and our new academic year at Colvestone. Following on from my letter dated 21st June, I am excited and confident about our on-going work and the team in place to carry the vision for Colvestone pupils forward.

INSET DAYS

Our term will start on Friday 3rd September. In a school year we have 5 teacher training and development days. We are only using 2 in September because we are starting the school year with a stable staff team and want to utilise the remaining 3 days to best effect across the school year. INSET days 2021/22 academic year:

- **Wednesday 1st September 2021**
- **Thursday 2nd September 2021**
- **Tuesday 4th January 2022**
- **Thursday 21st July 2022**
- **Friday 22nd July 2022**

We will additionally be closed on Thursday 5th May due to the school being a polling station. On Friday 17th December 2021, Friday 1st April 2022 and Wednesday 20th July 2022, we close at 2pm because this is the end of the term.

OUR SCHOOL DAY

We will continue to operate a soft start to the school day in September. Gates will open at 8:45am and children can make their way up to the classroom where a handwriting or maths activity will be planned for them to access. A member of the school leadership team will aim to be on the gate most mornings for general check-ins and hellos. Often when we are on the gate we are loosely monitoring attendance, punctuality and uniform but the contact with parents at this time is very essential to us as a school. Conversations which are perhaps of a personal, private or more confidential nature, should happen via the school appointment system which can be accessed via the school office.

At 3:30pm parents and carers will be able to collect children from the school playground and again connect with the class teacher for general catch ups and updates.



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UNIFORM



Our Friday uniform is a PE Kit which features t-shirts designed by Colvestone pupils. These are available to purchase from today at £8.50 but if you are able to pay £10 by the way of donation, that would be appreciated.



On a Friday children wear either a Colvestone t-shirt designed by the pupils, a plain white t-shirt and black bottoms; this is the uniform for P.E. Fridays *Please note* that the last day to order uniform online in readiness for September is Monday 2nd August 2021. Follow the link to place orders:



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<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/Colvestone Primary School E8 2LG>

ENRICHMENT @ COLVESTONE

Our commitment to developing 21st century learners through the breadth of our offer happens in many ways. We have an experienced team who will be using their skills to ensure Colvestone has a fantastic offer for your childcare in September; some of this was detailed in my previous letter. Additionally, on Fridays and during the teachers planning time we will be offering P.E. Art, Mandarin and Chess. After school clubs will be led and run by the team and we will be adding choir, drumming, recorder, critical thinking skills, drama and gardening to our roster (please see separate Booklet). Supporting our extended provision and clubs is one of the key and tangible ways you can support us as a school.

KEY SCHOOL DAYS

Monday – Core learning Monday (CLM) on this day your child has their spelling test, maths revision test, key knowledge input for the current topic and target setting with their teacher.

Tuesday - We start the day at 8:30am for running club.

Wednesday – We are pleased to see the return of Big Read, this will be at 9:05am and will take place in the classrooms. Older siblings will be able to join younger siblings and parents. Homework is returned on a Wednesday.

Thursday – ‘Tune up and sing up’ – This is an exciting addition to our Colvestone schedule; join Mr Jones in the hall at 8:30am for tunes, harmony and a positive start to the school day.

Friday – Sports Friday. Children wear P.E. uniform to school.

KEY SCHOOL DATES AUTUMN TERM

- **Friday 3rd September – All children return to school**
- **Saturday 25th September – Hackney ½ Marathon**
- **Thursday 30th September – Forest School Learning day**
- **Saturday 2nd October – Colvestone Summer Party**
- **Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October HALF TERM**
- **Tuesday 9th November – Parents Evening (School closes at 1:45pm)**

We will be having a coffee morning on Thursday 15th July @ 9am and all parents are welcome to come and join us for a coffee and a chat. There will also be a coffee morning for parents who will be joining us in September (new Reception class intake) Tuesday 20th July @ 9am.



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Finally, Colvestone, we have exciting times ahead. The staff team remain inspired and excited by the education of your children and the next chapter in the Colvestone journey. Our new two elected parent governors will, I am sure, support the school from going strength to strength. Congratulations and welcome to Tara Mack (parent of Zora Y3) and Julien De Rosee (parent of Ludo Y1 and Margot Y4).

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible before the end of the school term. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Caroline King
Executive Headteacher