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Frequently asked questions from new parents about CPJA

We have collected past parents' 'Frequently asked questions' to try and help with any queries that you have at the moment. The questions have been grouped together by topic, to help with finding the answer that you need.

Where you have specific questions about your child that don't apply to others, we will contact you to answer these - if they have not been answered when you come to school for a visit.

Please also remember that we are contactable by phoning the school office, or emailing us at enquiries@pjacademy.net.

In September, we will also hold an open evening shortly after we re-open to help parents understand the systems and procedures that pupils use whilst with us. This will be widely publicised in September and will take place after school.

Organisational questions

- **Start and finish times for the school day**
 - Included in the prospectus on the Year 2 transition page
 - We open the school doors at 8:45 and they will close at 9:00
 - Any children arriving after this time will need to come into school through reception
 - School finishes at 15:05 and we will try hard to be prompt in order to help parents who are collecting younger siblings from neighbouring infant schools
- **Will my child be placed with some of her friends?**
 - We work with your infant schools to create classes for September, so that the teachers who know the children best can check that they are with children who they learn well with. There are four classes, so the children will not be with everyone they know and will also be with other children from different Infant Schools
- **Will pupils be expected to wear uniform in September?**
 - We will expect children to wear uniform and our uniform policy is on our website
 - Our uniform can be bought at 'Better and Bright' in Castleford, online from M& S using the links on our website and a range of supermarkets also stock our colour jumpers, cardigans and summer dresses
 - The children do not need pumps for indoor PE - they can bring trainers - which they will use if outside and to walk to the hall in if we are working indoors
 - On PE/Forest School Day, we are happy for the children to come in their kit so that they do not need to get changed. They can remain in this for the rest of the day
- **Do the children have a playtime and how will this be managed?**
 - The children will have a playtime between 10:20 and 10:35 and then will also play outside at dinnertime between 12:00 and 12:45
 - The playground is zoned, with a range of equipment and games to play with
 - We also have a scrap shed and a Forest School area for pupils to use at these times
 - There is a tuck shop outside at playtime as well, where the children can purchase healthy snacks and drinks. No more than 60p per day is needed

Classes for September



- **Will children know which class they are going into and who else is in it?**
- Your children will learn this information through our transition days
- You will receive a letter that will explain your child's class and they will also have several opportunities to come and see us before the end of term

Wrap Around support for working parents

- **What time does wrap around care start and finish?**
- We have a breakfast club that parents can book the children into using Parent Pay, which starts at 8am. Children can be brought to breakfast club through reception.
- We have an after school club that is available on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening from 15:05 until 17:30. This can also be booked using Parent Pay and needs to be done a week in advance – so that we can make sure that it is safely staffed.
- There are also a number of after school clubs that you can apply for a place at. A letter will be sent out to all children in September to allow them to book the club that they would like to participate in.

How will my child be supported in class?

- **My child was already finding learning difficult before lockdown, how will they be supported to catch up?**
- Firstly, parents need to remember that all children will have the same challenges, as we have been through a situation that has affected the whole country
- All teachers will work hard to get to know the children as quickly as possible – and their learning gaps- and will ensure that these are targeted to help them make progress
- Our Year 3 teachers are also talking to your Infant Schools to find out more about your children, so that we are as equipped as we can be – this discussion continues into September and beyond
- If you are particularly concerned about your child's learning, you can also discuss this with your class teacher in September. If needed, this will also be discussed with our Special Needs team to ensure that your child gets effective support
- You can find further information about this on our website on the SEND page

Electronic systems that support the running of school:

- **Will Bloomz be set up before the holidays?**
- Our school uses an app that supports communication between teachers and parents. It helps us celebrate children's work and is used to remind parents of important messages. You can also directly message the class teacher if you have a specific question. Further information is included in the transition pack that you will be receiving shortly through the post
- Bloomz will be set up soon and you will be able to log in and set up your own account once you know which class your child is going to be in
- **Will Parent Pay be set up before the holidays?**
- Parent can log in and set up their Parent Pay account as soon as they know their child's class
- There is a guide that is in the transition pack that is being sent to you shortly through the post

- **What is the protocol for morning entry into school?**

- All Year 3 children have a classroom entrance that opens into the school playground
- This is at the back of the school
- School gates (from Magnet Field and Leake and Medley Street) open at 8:40 each day, to give you time to get to your classroom door
- The classroom door will be open from 8:45 and children can go straight in, where they will have been allocated a peg for their coat and PE kit and an area where their lunchbox is stored – if they have one

- Our teaching staff and Senior Leaders will be outside from 8:45 until 9:00 for any questions that you have
- Teachers are available at this point for very quick questions before they begin teaching but specific appointments can be arranged at other times if a longer meeting is needed