



Working Together for Our Children

Spring Term 2016/17 Newsletter

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to 2017.

On behalf of all our staff, we want to say a big thank you once again for all the cards and Christmas gifts. We always do appreciate your thoughts and generosity.

As you'll have seen today, our new perimeter security fence is now completed down the side of Elgin Road and along the footpath from Elgin Road to Gainsborough Crescent.

The pedestrian side gate on Elgin Road is timed to unlock at 7:55am for children to come to Breakfast Club. It will remain unlocked (but closed) until 9:05am to allow children to get in to the school yard for the start of the school day at 8:50am.

The gate will be unlocked (but closed) at 3:15pm for parents to come on to the school yard to collect their children at the end of the school day, and will be relocked at 3:45pm.

For the time being, when the gate is locked (between 9:05am - 3:15pm and then after 3:45pm, parents/carers and visitors will need to access the school via the pedestrian gate on Carr Hill Road.

Medication for Pupils – A Polite Reminder

School can only administer medication to pupils where a prescription has been prescribed by a medical practitioner. It also has to be medication that **can not** wait until the child returns home from school.

So, any medication prescribed with 3 daily doses will not be given to pupils in school as these can be given before school, after school and before bedtime.

If, however, the medical practitioner clearly states that the doses should be taken at exact times (eg 8:00am, 12:00pm and 4:00pm) then the second dose will be given to pupils during the school day.

Parents/Carers must bring the prescribed medication in to school by 8:45am.

All medication must be in its original container, have the pharmacy label attached and printed clearly with the pupil's name on, the date prescribed and the dosage required.

All medication must be collected at the end of the day by an adult – no child will be allowed to take their medication home.

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term	Start of Term for Pupils	Last Day of Term for Pupils	Dates that School is Closed to Pupils
Spring	Thursday 5 th January	Fri 7 th April 2017	<i>Tues 3rd and Wed 4th January 2017 – staff training day Mon 20th until Fri 24th February 2017 – half term</i>
Summer	Mon 24 th April	Fri 21 st July 2017	<i>Mon 1st May 2017 – bank holiday Mon 29th May until Fri 2nd June 2017 – half term Mon 19th June 2017 – occasional day</i>



Online Payment System

With increasing workload pressures on administrative staff, online payment systems can help improve efficiency.

For parents, it offers a more convenient and flexible way to make payments – you don't have to come in to school or don't have to give your child money to bring in. You know that your payment has reached the school safely.

We are therefore considering implementing an online payment system here at Carr Hill. This does not mean that you can't come in to school to make payments or that you child can't bring in the payment. It just offers you another alternative.

Before we go ahead, we'd appreciate your thoughts as to whether you think you would use it. Can you therefore please **complete the information below and return this section of the newsletter to school**. Thank you.

(please tick)

I would use an online payment system for paying dinner money

I would use an online payment system for paying for residential and educational visits

I would NOT use an online payment system