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Principal: Mr C Leech BA (Hons), NPQH

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your child/ren are excited about our return to school tomorrow. I am excited to get started as the new principal and today I will be leading the whole staff through our INSET day. These INSET days are used to keep staff up to date with educational research and training to ensure that our school offers the very best experiences to each and every child.

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. The Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces are being closed.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this issue, as we do not have RAAC in any of our teaching and learning spaces, therefore we will continue to function as normal.

We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub at <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/08/31/new-guidance-on-raac-in-education-settings/>

I hope that this offers all of our families reassurance.

Start Times and Collection Times

We have adjusted our start and finish times so that school is open for all children for at least 32.5 hours per week – please see below. It is vitally important that children arrive on time, as lessons begin as soon as the register has been taken.

Reception/Year 1/Year 2

Welcome Time: **8:45am** (Children must arrive no later than 8:55am. Arrivals after this time will be recorded as late)

Collection Time: **3:15pm**

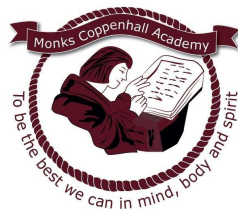
Years 3-6

Welcome Time (Gates Open): **8:35am** (Children must arrive not later than 8:45am. Arrivals after this time will be recorded as late)

Collection Time: **3:15pm**

Drop off and Collection Arrangements

Please see the table overleaf which explains where you can drop off and collect your child. We understand that not all parents/carers will be familiar with the site, so there will be a member of staff on hand to direct at the start and end of the school day.



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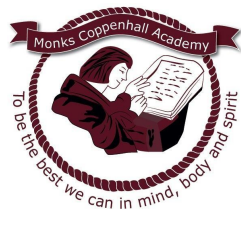
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Class	Drop Off Location	Collection Location
Reception	Reception Outdoor Gated Area (Green Gates)	Reception classroom doors
Year 1	Year 1 classroom doors (KS1 playground)	Year 1 classroom doors (KS1 playground)
Year 2	Monks Museum (Key Stage 1 playground entrance)	Year 2 classroom doors (KS1 playground)
Year 3 – Mr Williams	The children will be greeted and collected by staff at the Reception Outdoor Gated Area.	Mr Williams' classroom door
Year 3 – Miss Ashley		Miss Ashley's classroom door
Year 3 – Miss Eyre		Monks Museum (Key Stage 2 playground entrance – opposite the outdoor library)
Year 4 – Mr Wildgoose	The children will be greeted and collected by staff at the Reception Outdoor Gated Area.	Monks Museum (Key Stage 2 entrance – opposite the outdoor library)
Year 4 – Miss Tomlinson		Monks Museum (Key Stage 2 entrance – opposite the outdoor library)
Year 4 – Mr Morris-Coker		Mr Morris-Coker's classroom door (Key Stage 1 Playground)
Year 5 – all classes	The children will be greeted and collected by staff at the Reception Outdoor Gated Area.	Monks Museum (Key Stage 1 playground entrance)
Year 6 – Mr Watts	The children will be greeted and collected by staff at the Reception Outdoor Gated Area.	Mr Watts's classroom door
Year 6 – Mrs Humber		Mrs Humber's classroom door
Year 6 – Miss McDade		Mrs Humber's classroom door

Please note that the school site and the surrounding areas can be very busy and we ask for your support in not using vehicles where possible. Furthermore, access to the school car parks are restricted therefore only permitted vehicles are authorised to park.

Finally, I will be on the playground each morning so please do come and say hello. I look forward to working with all over the coming year.

Kind regards



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