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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you all well and that you have had a lovely summer holiday. We are all really looking forward to welcoming your children back to school tomorrow and to working with you all this academic year.

We will be sending home the autumn term dates later this week, which will also include some of the key events for later in the year. Please keep an eye out for our monthly newsletters and other letters, which will detail progress that we are making with school initiatives and may include additional activities. Also look out for our Facebook page, which will regularly showcase school events and the children's successes.

Soon you will receive a welcome letter from each of the class teachers, introducing themselves and outlining the class rules, routines and expectations. We will write to you in the coming weeks with details of opportunities for parents to become more involved with children's learning in school.

Start and end of the school day

We wrote to you at the end of the summer term, to inform you of the change to the timing of the start of the school day. To remind you - from tomorrow, we will be opening our school gates at 8.30am (instead of 8.35am) and will take the registers at 8.45am, (instead of 8.50am). This still gives a 15-minute window for children to get on to the school site and to classrooms. All arrangements for children coming into school, whether on their own or with an adult remain the same.

NEW We are introducing a slight adjustment to the end of the school day, for those parents who collect their KS2 child/ren on foot from the multi-use games area (MUGA) **only**. To give those parents the opportunity to chat to the class teachers when they collect their KS2 children at the end of the day, we ask that they come **into** the MUGA, instead of waiting outside and to collect children from the relevant class line. Parents and children should then walk back round the school the way they came in. There will be plenty of staff on duty to help guide parents on Thursday.

Traveling to school

As always, we would like to encourage as many children as possible to walk, cycle and scoot to school. Please note:

- Only children in Years 5 and 6 are permitted to walk or cycle to and from school without an adult – please let the school office or class teacher know if you are happy for them to do this.
- All children cycling or scooting to school **MUST** wear a cycle helmet. We will be operating a 'no helmet, no cycling' policy to help children traveling to school safely.

Attendance Reminder

In order for children to achieve their very best at school, it is imperative that all children attend school regularly and punctually. High attainment depends on good and regular attendance. Please note that holidays should only be taken during the school holidays, not during term time and unauthorised absences relating to term time leave is likely to result in parents being issued a Penalty Notice for each child absent from school. It is important that we continue to work with children and families to ensure that each pupil attends school regularly and we would appreciate your support in ensuring the best attendance for all children.

School uniform and PE kit reminder

Please refer to our school website for details of our school uniform expectations: [King Ina Academy - Uniform](#). It is important that children are appropriately dressed and represent the school smartly. The children will continue to come to school in PE kits on their PE days but they must wear all school uniform on all other days. Please note that the PE kit uniform is also detailed on the above link – children **must** adhere to this too. If they are attending an after school sport club, they can also wear PE kit on that day. If children are attending a lunchtime club, they should wear full school uniform but bring suitable footwear to change into.

Healthy Snacks

The children in years 3 to 6 are asked to bring a healthy snack to school to have during morning playtime. The children in years Reception to 2 are provided with free fruit via the government scheme. This should be a fruit or vegetable snack only. The children will not be allowed to take other items from their lunchbox out to play. Quite apart from our drive to encourage healthier eating, we want to reduce the significant amount of litter on the playground, due to the packets and wrappers that some children have dropped.

Mobile Phones

Children in Year 5 and 6 **only** will be given permission to bring a mobile phone to school if they are walking to and from school alone and parents wish them to have a phone for emergency contact. Parents must complete and return a permission form and mobile phones will be kept in the school office during the school day and collected at the end of the school day by the children. They should only be switched on once children leave the school premises. Please note that the school cannot accept responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged phones.

Clubs

At the end of the summer term we wrote to you with information about after school clubs. I will write to you in due course with updated club offers.

Forest School

We are excited about our new Forest School provision, which will begin next week. All children will take part in Forest School in blocks of lessons throughout the year, rather than having lessons each week all year. Our forest school leaders will be writing to you next week to introduce themselves, to provide a summary of what Forest School entails and to detail which classes will take part this half term.

Outdoor Play and Learning

We are delighted to be introducing the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) scheme at King Ina later this term. OPAL is a programme that is designed to transform our lunchtimes by encouraging creative, independent play and has proved incredibly successful in many schools. We will be working closely with staff from OPAL to develop our outdoor school environment and resources over the next 2 academic years. We may well be asking for your help with items and objects needed to contribute to the renewed outdoor provision!

Community Morning

We are looking for gardening help at our community morning this Saturday, 7th September from approximately 9.30am – 12.00pm. We plan to distribute compost between the raised flower beds and to complete other jobs in the outdoor area. If you have a wheelbarrow and are willing to lend a hand, we would be grateful for your help. Bacon rolls, tea and coffee will be provided for all helpers. **Please email us at office@kingina.co.uk to let us know that you can help on 7th September.**

Roald Dahl Day

We wrote to you in the summer term to let you know that on **Friday 13th September 2024** we will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day. This is a national event which celebrates and remembers the birth of one of Britain's greatest children's authors. To mark the occasion and to promote Reading for Pleasure, the children and staff are invited to dress up as a Roald Dahl character. We look forward to seeing the children's costumes and celebrating this special event with them.

Should you wish to contact your child's class teacher with any queries or questions, please email the teacher directly via **eSchools**, using your **own** log in details, **not** your child's. Should you wish to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team, contact the school office on 01458 272587 or via email: office@kingina.co.uk and we will respond to you as soon as is practicably possible during office hours.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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