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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well and that you have had an enjoyable summer.



Year group	Teacher/s	Class/es	Gate	Start time	Finish time
Reception	Mr Steve Savage Mrs Katie Hill	Whiskered Mouse-eared	Nursery	8.50	3.20
Year 1	Mrs Charlotte Squire Mrs Rachel Brotherton/Mrs Sophie Gower	Long-eared Horseshoe	Year 2 gate via carpark gate	8.50	3.20
Year 2	Miss Hollie Wiltshire Miss Tia Thompson	Leisler's Natterer's	Year 2 gate via carpark gate	9.00	3.30
Year 3	Miss Jenny Chislett Ms Philly Gray	Barbastelle Daubenton's	Year 2 gate via carpark gate	8.40	3.10
Year 4	Miss Heather Elliot	Serotine	Main door (school office) via pedestrian gate	8.40	3.10
Year 5	Mr Tommy Davies	Noctule	Nursery	9.00	3.30
Year 6	Mrs Emily Young	Bechstein's	Year 2 gate via carpark gate	9.00	3.30
Nursery	Miss Emma Rogers Miss Kerry Day	Pipistrelle	Nursery	8.40	varied
Resource Base	Miss Emma Attree Miss Susie Mills Mrs Gaby Simons	Bats	Nursery	8.30	3.00
Nurtured Learning	Mrs Becky Owen Miss Laura Phillips Mrs Hayley Greenland	Meadow	Main door (school office) via pedestrian gate	8.30	3.00

Please find above a table of classes, teachers and start and finish times.

Full information on re-opening can be found on our website

<https://www.castlemead.wilts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/TMAT-reopening-plan-September-2020-FINAL-CM.pdf>



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We have summarised below some key questions and answers you might find helpful.

### **What day does my child start back at school?**

Years 1-6 start on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at the start time outlined above. Reception and Nursery children will have had separate information from the Early Years Team outlining your start times.

### **Will my child still be in a bubble?**

Yes, we have organised our school into bubbles as follows

- Nursery
- Reception
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4 and Nurtured learning
- Years 5 and 6
- Resource base

The children will go out to play with their bubble. Each bubble will have an allocated toilet to use close to their classroom.

### **What happens if I have children with different start and finish times?**

For siblings that are starting at different times, you can bring your children in at the earliest of the start times, through the gate allocated to that child and then they can go to their own classes. At the end of the day they can wait in their classes until the latest finish time for your family and then leave school together via the front gate. For some children this may not be appropriate, your class teacher will contact you if that is the case.

### **Does my child need to wear school uniform?**

Yes, school uniform should be worn except on days when they have PE - your class teacher will let you know these days on return.

### **Will my child be doing PE?**

Yes. We will endeavour to carry out as many PE lessons outside as possible; in poor weather these will take place in the hall. On days when your child has PE they will be asked to spend the day in their PE kit and return home for changing. Do not send your child in with a PE kit in a bag.

### **Will my child need a water bottle?**

No. Every child at Castle Mead has a named school water bottle, these will stay in school and will be washed and refilled daily by school staff.

### **Will my child need to bring a snack?**

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be provided free snack in school. Key Stage 2 will need to bring a piece of fruit from home for snack - if it comes in a packet don't bring it (Unless it's raisins!!!!)☺

### **Will my child get milk at school?**

You must register for Cool milk via their website [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

### **Can my child bring in a lunchbox?**

If your child is in Nursery and Key Stage 2 you can bring in a packed lunch in a named washable lunch box, this will need to be washed daily at home. Please consider how independently the packaging can be opened by your

child. School staff will not be able to assist due to COVID-19 restrictions. In Reception and Key Stage 1 your child will be provided with a free school lunch please ensure you have ordered these via SIMs Pay.

### **Where will my child eat lunch?**

If your child is in Resource Base, Nursery, Year 4, 5 or 6 they will eat in the classroom. Reception, Year 1,2 and 3 will eat in the hall at their allocated time.

### **Can my child bring in a school bag?**

We are discouraging school bags as we will be unable to store them safely, if your child rides a bike to school on their own we suggest a small drawstring PE bag so it can be emptied and stored in a coat pocket during the school day. Helmets can be stored in the classroom. Lunchboxes will be safely stored in classes.

### **Can my child bring a coat to school?**

Yes, it is advisable to bring a coat into school in changeable weather - we will be going outside as much as possible. The coats will be stored in cloakrooms in Reception, Year 1 and Resource Bases in the other classes they will hang their coats on the back of their chairs.

### **Can I use Before and After school club?**

Before and After school club will be planned in small consistent bubbles and must be booked and paid for in advance. Bookings have been taken for the first 2 weeks of term and are now closed. Booking for the remainder of the term must be made by 4th September via SIMS pay.

### **How will we ensure we are COVID 19 secure?**

We have completed a thorough Risk Assessment which is available in full on the website. A strict cleaning regime is in place and will continue along with a range of protective measures for staff and children. Children are supervised washing their hands by an adult at the start of the day and during the school day, adults and children will be using the provided hand sanitiser throughout the day. Children in Years 2-6 will be seated in rows in class, in allocated seats with minimal movement once seated. DFE guidance for Early Years and Year 1 is being followed. We operate within Public Health guidance and follow Track and Trace procedures should the need arise. This is a summary; full details are available on our website.

### **Can I come into school with my child or to see a member of staff?**

No. Please contact us via telephone or email. Thank you.

### **Does my child have to come to school?**

Yes, normal attendance policy is applicable. If you have serious concerns, please contact the school office and a member of the team will get back to you.

We are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school.

Warmest wishes

Harriet Phillips  
Acting Head of School