

Dear parents/ carers,

This will be the final letter for the school year – and it is focused on the year starting back in September and will hopefully give you the information you need to prepare for the new year – and will outline some changes we will be making for the new term.

I apologise for the length of this letter but felt it was important to include all this information. I have also included an updated Parent Code of Conduct to remind parents of the expectations on them when working with school.

### **Uniform:**

All children should be in uniform daily. On outdoor learning days, PE uniform must be worn.

- White shirt/ blouse or white or light blue polo shirt
- Charcoal grey/ black trousers/ skirt or pinafore dress
- Royal blue school jumper/ cardigan
- With skirt/ dress – grey or black tights or white socks
- Black shoes or trainers

### **PE Days**

- Plain white t shirt
- Plain black shorts or joggers/ PE leggings/ tracksuit trousers (not tight cycling shorts)
- Trainers
- A plain royal blue hoodie/ sweatshirt– or a school jumper/ cardigan

### **Outdoor learning Days**

- Plain white t shirt
- Plain black joggers/ PE leggings/ tracksuit trousers – not shorts
- Trainers – with wellies available in school at all times
- A plain royal blue hoodie/ sweatshirt– or a school jumper/ cardigan

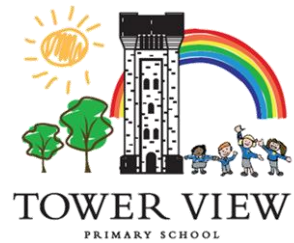
### **All uniform should be named.**

In Reception and Key Stage 1, outdoor learning will be weekly. In KS2, children will have an outdoor learning session weekly for a term. Where it is relevant to the curriculum, there may be additional outdoor learning sessions.

In Key Stage 1, children will be in full uniform 2 days per week and PE uniform 3 days per week.

In Key Stage 2, for the majority of the year, children will be in full uniform 3 days per week and PE uniform 2 days per week.

In March, all of KS2 will take part in swimming lessons as per this year over a 3-week period.



### Outdoor learning Days:

- Reception – Wednesday
- Year 1 – Monday
- Year 2 – Thursday
- Year 3 – Spring term (Wednesday)
- Year 4/5 – Tuesday. Class 8 – Autumn term; Class 9 – Spring term; Class 10 – Summer term.
- Year 6 – Summer term (Thursday)

### PE Days:

The planned PE days for each year group are:

- Year 1 – Tuesday and Wednesday
- Year 2 – Monday and Tuesday
- Year 3 – Tuesday and Friday
- Year 4/5 – Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 6 – Monday and Friday

### **Arbor:**

This is and will remain our main method of communication with families for everything that goes on in school.

Please make sure you download the App and log in.

If you can't log in or are having difficulties, please contact the school office (they are becoming experts!). They will be available on the phone on the INSET days in September to help with this too. Download the App [here](#) (Android) or [here](#) (Apple)

We will be starting to use Arbor for medical events – instead of traditional bump notes from September – so this will be even more important to get logged on.

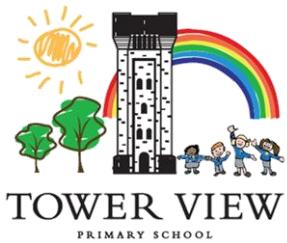
Also, please update your details if you need to over the summer and fill in permissions.

### **Start of the Day:**

Gates open at 8:40am. Children should go straight to class. Gates close at 8:55am. If you are going to arrive after this time, come to the main entrance on Vancouver Drive.

### **End of the Day:**

- Reception – collect from the gate in the Reception garden.
- Year 1 – collect from the door between Reception and Year 1.
- Year 2 – collect from the Year 2 outside door.



In KS2, children who have permission to walk home alone will be dismissed from the classroom and exit school – even on days they know you are collecting them. This is so teachers are focusing on dismissing those children who have to be passed over to a parent.

Children will only be dismissed to siblings who are over 14 years old or in Year 9. This is in line with NSPCC advice.

Out of School Club is available to parents who need care before or after school. This should be booked in advance on ParentPay. More details are [here](#).

### ***Lunchtimes:***

Over the course of the year we will be making some major changes to lunchtimes at school.

The first change will be that all children will eat lunch in the KS2 dining hall. This will mean the food will remain hotter.

Following eating, all children will then play over lunch on the KS2 playground/ fields. We trialled this recently and the atmosphere on the playground was lovely.

There will be some issues to iron out over the early weeks but we are confident that this will be a positive change.

After the INSET on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will start to implement a new 'play offer' at lunchtimes. We are receiving training from a company called OPAL (more information [here](#) and [here](#)) so over the year we will gradually look to improve the activities available.

Children will hopefully be able to use the field every day so will need wellies and suitable coats at school every day. We aim more and more for children to be outside even when, in the past, it would be 'wet play'.

We'll give parents more information as we learn ourselves. At some point as we get OPAL up and running we will run a 'Parent's Play Afternoon' so you can come and enjoy playing with your children – most likely in the spring or summer term.

We will also be on the lookout for parents/ families with contacts/ skills we can use to improve our grounds and equipment! Another letter will come out with this one with details of some of the things that would help!

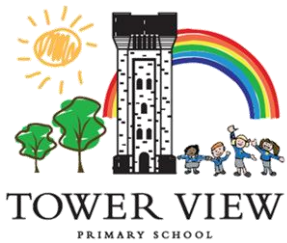
### ***Term dates:***

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct (\*INSET day Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April



Monday 28th April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (\*Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 18th July

*INSET Days:*

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July and 1 more to set.

### ***Term time holidays/ attendance***

A reminder that from September the rules are changing for attendance/ holidays and the ways that school are expected to act.

This will mean that we will be far stricter for holidays from September and will have to consider a fixed penalty notice for both unauthorised holidays or for children with consistent poor attendance. Penalty notices will need to be considered for children with 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence over a 10 school week period. Each instance will be looked at individually.

For a First offence the Penalty Notice fine would be: -

- £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, rising to
- £160 per parent, per child if paid between 21-28 days.

For a Second offence within 3-years of the first penalty notice being issued, the penalty notice fine would be:

- £160 per parent, per child if paid between 28 days.

Following the second offence every new offence within the 3-year period, will be prosecuted under the Education Act 1996. If the prosecution takes place, the maximum fine is £1,000 per parent, per child.

### ***Nuts:***

We have children and staff at school that have severe nut allergies. It is essential that any packed lunches that come in to school are completely nut free

This includes – packs of nuts, peanut butter/ Nutella sandwiches, fruit/ cereal bars that contain nuts, sesame seed rolls, pesto and cakes made with nuts. Thank you for your understanding on this.

Have a lovely summer holiday!! See you all on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>!

Best Wishes

Graham Lobb