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Dear Parents and Carers

Readiness for the new academic year

As we bring another successful year to a close at Chandlers Ridge, I would like to reiterate our standards and expectations on school uniform, punctuality and communication for the forthcoming academic year.

Uniform Standards

Children are encouraged to wear our embroidered school uniform as it creates a sense of belonging and pride in our school. We have made purchasing embroidered uniform as affordable as possible by offering parents a range of providers including online at Tesco and School Trends and online and instore at Ross's. Visit our website for buying options <http://chandlersridge.org.uk/do-it-online/buying-uniform/>.

Our standards are:

Uniform

- * Grey trousers/shorts/skirts/pinafore
- * White polo shirt/white shirt
- * Red jumper or cardigan
- * Black shoes **(No trainers)**
- * Red gingham dresses
- * Please **no** large colourful bows in hair
- * Please purchase book bags or rucksacks with the school logo from the providers above
- * Otherwise, small plain rucksacks and bags are permitted – our cloakrooms are restricted in space!
- * Please **no** designer handbags

PE kit

- * House coloured tee shirt
- * Navy blue shorts
- * Navy blue Jogging bottoms
- * House coloured sweat shirt
- * Trainers or PE shoes

Punctuality - School hours are 8.55am to 3.30pm.

School opens from 8.45am and at this time children are provided with work to do, either handwriting, mental maths or reading activities. At 8.55am the bell rings and the gate will be closed. It is important children are in school by this time. **From September, Reception children will enter by the KS1 doors straight into the cloakroom, a Teacher or Teaching assistant will be there to greet them.**

We also have our running track open for children to run on from 8.45am- 8.55am as the timetable below. Parents are welcome to run with children. A member of staff will be outside on the track from 8.45am, however if your child is in Y1 or 2 we ask you to stay with them until they are safely in school.

Running track timetable for the mornings from September 2017

* Monday	* Tuesday	* Wednesday	* Thursday	* Friday
KS2	KS1	KS2	KS1	KS2

With careful regard to the safeguarding of all children, we have asked you to complete a form with the collection arrangements for your child in September. If you have signed to say children will be collected from the playground, children will be lined up in the playground and you need to let the teacher know you are taking your child. Reception and Y1 will continue to be collected from their classroom doors.

If you have signed to collect your child from the gates or they are walking home themselves then children will be sent from their class teacher.

Communication

Our expectations around home-school communication are clearly set out in our Parent Partnership Policy on our website. We adopt a **paperless** approach; with the growth in email and smartphones this is now the preferred method of communication and is a faster, more reliable way of delivering letters and notices home.

The majority of parents and carers have already done these next two steps, but in case you haven't here's what to do to sign up to electronic communications from school:

- * If you have a smartphone (Android or IOS) please visit the app store and **download and register the free school app**. You can visit our website for further details here: <http://chandlersridge.org.uk/our-school-app/>. Make sure you enable notifications – every time we send a letter or message it will come through your app.
- * Visit our website and **register to receive our weekly eNewsletter by email** here: <http://chandlersridge.org.uk/join-us/sign-up-for-our-weekly-enewsletter/>. This is sent every Friday and tells you everything you need to know about what is upcoming in school.

Every letter, event and eNewsletter is published to our website so this should be your first port of call for all school information. Over the summer I would encourage you to visit our website as it is updated with our new year group arrangements.

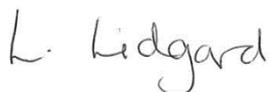
Welcome meetings

Our annual Welcome Meetings will be held in September in classrooms, the dates are below. There will be a short input from myself to reiterate our standards and expectations before the class teachers will share information about the year ahead.

Date	8.15 - 8.45am	3.40 - 4.10pm	4.30 -5pm	5 – 5.30pm
Monday 11 th September	Year 5	Year 6	EYFS	Year 3/4
Tuesday 12 th September	Year 3/4	Year 3/4		EYFS
Wednesday 13 th September	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	
Thursday 14 th September	Year 2	Year 5		
Friday 15 th September	Year 6			

And finally, I wish you all a lovely, restful summer and look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

With kind regards



Mrs Lidgard, Head Teacher



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Academy**