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September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and that you are ready for the year ahead.

While the beginning of the year has been very sad with the loss of Mr Canter, we are proud of the way in which our pupils have started the year.

Millbank Academy is an outstanding school and we insist on achieving high standards. Therefore, parents and carers must ensure that their children are ready for the school day. School starts promptly at 8:55am and we expect pupils to be punctual and wearing the correct uniform. Attendance continues to be of high priority at Millbank and we strive to achieve 100% attendance. Should your child be unable to come to school, you must contact the school office on 0203 262 0068 immediately.

Last year was yet another successful year at Millbank Academy. The staff and I are determined to build upon this. We have a number of new members of staff and we hope that you will join us in welcoming and supporting them in their roles. I am excited to be leading such a hardworking, committed and talented team.

Best wishes,

Mrs L Tylee
Acting Headteacher



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No nuts

Please note that the school has a **'no nuts'** policy. Please provide your child with a **fruit or vegetable snack** for break times and while they are waiting for an after school club. Unfortunately, we have had cases of a few parents giving their children snack bars, cakes and sweets to consume in school that contain nuts. Further to that, may we remind you that crisps, snack bars, cakes, biscuits, sweets, etc... are not acceptable as snacks at Millbank.

Taking photographs at school events

We understand that you may like to take photos at school events such as school assemblies. We would like to advise all parents and carers that any images you take in school should not be shared via any public source or online platform and should not identify any child by name. The school reserves the right to instruct parents to not take photographs or videos for selected events.



Emergency contacts for children

With the ever changing world of mobile phones, we ask parents to ensure that we have up to date contact details and emergency numbers in case your child is taken ill or involved in an accident. Please let the office staff know of any change of details or circumstances immediately.

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**Keeping children
safe in education**

Government consultation

Start school safe online

Internet Matters produce a useful resource around keeping children safe online, transition to secondary school and device health checks for those owning phones for the first time. For more details go to:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/start-school-safe-online/>





School Uniform at Millbank Academy

At Millbank Academy pupils wear the agreed school uniform to promote a sense of belonging and identity. We want our pupils to look smart and to follow our uniform code.

We want to teach our children to take pride in their appearance and to represent Millbank Academy to the highest standards.

Please keep the school uniform in a clean state and in good repair.

Our uniform can be purchased from Whitehall Clothiers – see below.

All clothing, bags and shoes must be marked clearly with the owner's name.

How to get to Whitehall Clothiers, Camberwell

Whitehall Clothiers
77 Camberwell Road
Camberwell
London
SE5 0EZ

Buses 12, 35, 40, 45, 68, 148, 171, 176, 468

Nearest tube - Kennington

Phone: 020 7703 3604

Website: www.whitehallclothiers.com

Store Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday 9:15am - 5:30pm

Sunday CLOSED



Shoes

Shoes must be **plain** black. Shoes with flashing lights are not suitable for school. If your child is unable to tie their own laces, we ask that they wear shoes with Velcro or buckles.

Socks and Tights

Socks should be grey or white without pattern or decoration. Red, white or grey tights may be worn in the winter.

Make up

Make up and nail varnish are not permitted at school.

Jewellery

Pupils with pierced ears may wear a single pair of stud earrings. Pupils may wear a small plain watch. No other jewellery is allowed. The school does not take responsibility for missing items of jewellery.

Hairstyles

Millbank Academy expects pupils to have reasonable hairstyles and colours. Long hair should be tied back. If pupils wear hair bands or hair ties they must be plain red, grey, black or white. Hair bands should be small, plain and functional. Pupils should not have patterns cut or shaved into their hair. Headscarves for religious reasons should be plain red, grey, black or white. No patterns, decorations or pins are permitted.

Please note that parents and carers will be notified and instructed to rectify incorrect uniform.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Music news

The Pimlico Music Foundation are looking for new members in Years 4, 5 and 6 to join their choir, which meets every Tuesday after school until 5pm. I will be sending out a letter shortly with information about this. Members are collected from school each week by the Foundation, and are met by parents to take them home at 5pm at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, Pimlico, London SW1V 2AD. It is an excellent organisation and we do concerts with them each term. I highly recommend your children joining if they would like to.

Mr Appleby

Head of Music

Autumn clubs

A clubs newsletter has been sent home with your child. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the form and post it in the clubs box, located in the school office, by **Thursday 19th September**.

Mrs Senhadji

Clubs Coordinator

Coram Beanstalk readers

We are pleased to announce that volunteers from Coram Beanstalk will be working with us again in Reception and KS1 supporting our children to become confident and able readers. Please note that Coram Beanstalk are committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and recognise their responsibility to ensure the safety and welfare of the children that they work with along with promoting the well-being of children.

Please see **Mrs Benhamama** (EYFS Lead) or **Miss Blakey** (Key Stage 1 Lead) for more information.

Place2Be

The Place2be service has supported the mental health and emotional well-being of children, parents and staff at Millbank since November 2016. During this time, the Place2Be team has supported 127 children through 323 individual counselling and 232 lunchtime Place2Talk sessions.

At Millbank, we are deeply grateful for the great care and dedication the Place2Be team has shown in their work with the school community. Sadly, this service is being closed at our school and we are saying good-bye to Dr. Heide Rogers (School Project Manager), as well as Tina Scott (Counsellor) before the October half-term.

Dates and Events

September

Monday 16 th	<u>Curriculum newsletters and timetables to be sent home electronically</u>
Monday 16 th	9:00-9:20am, top hall - <u>Year 1 and 2 Welcome Back Parent Morning</u>
Tuesday 17 th	9:00-9:20am, top hall - <u>Year 6 Transition to Secondary School Meeting</u>
Wednesday 18 th	9:00-9:20am, top hall - <u>Year 3 and 4 Welcome Back Parent Morning</u>
Thursday 19 th	9:00-9:20am, top hall - <u>Year 5 and 6 Welcome Back Parent Morning</u>
Thursday 19 th	deadline for club preferences form to be posted in club box
Tuesday 24 th	9:30am <u>School tour</u>

October

Tuesday 1 st	9:00am, top hall – <u>Maths with Parents Launch for new parents</u>
Wednesday 2 nd	4:00pm, top hall – <u>Maths with Parents Launch for new parents</u>
wb 7 th October	school photographs – date to be confirmed
Friday 18 th	<u>Last day of half term, 3:30pm finish</u>
Thursday 31 st	<u>Secondary school application deadline</u>

Half term: Monday 21st October until Friday 25th October.

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