welcome to Flourish

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I have the pleasure of welcoming you all to the beginning of a new era in the lives of our schools and community!

I believe that, as reflected in the name of our federation, our children will flourish through learning more collaboratively together and by sharing the good practice evident in both schools.



It was wonderful to see the "smiling sea of blue" greeting me as I led the first assembly in the junior school, recognising so many familiar faces and of course marvelling at how they had grown and blossomed over the years.

To remind you of our new leadership structure; I have the role of Executive Head Teacher across both schools. Mrs Karen Down is Head of School for the Juniors and Miss Cathy Smith and Mrs Elizabeth Guyton are Heads of School for the Infants. The reason for shared responsibly in the Infants is because Miss Smith and Mrs Guyton both have heavy teaching commitments whereas Mrs Down is non-class based. This structure ensures both schools, at any given time, have a senior leader available to meet with you, and to carry out day to day leadership tasks.

Whilst having one Executive HT and Governing Body, we still maintain our uniqueness as two separate schools and will be inspected by Ofsted separately. The juniors are overdue an inspection and therefore are prepared to be visited at any time!

I will divide my time between both schools and re-familiarise myself with KS2 - having taught all the primary school age groups during my teaching career!

Thank you for all the messages of support you have given me, I look forward to working, with my team, alongside you all, supporting you and your children from the very beginning of their learning journey in primary school right through to the end, sharing a consistent, common vision.



INFANTS

Please arrive at school at 8.40am and take your child to their playground where you are responsible for them until 8.50am when the whistle is blown. Children line up and are led into their classrooms by their teachers. The classroom doors will be locked as soon as the children are in for security reasons.

If you arrive after this time **PLEASE DO NOT KNOCK ON THE CLASSROOM DOOR OR WINDOWS** — bring your child to the main entrance. If you arrive between 8.55am and 9.10am, your child will be marked late in the register. Arrivals after 9.10am will be recorded as "unauthorised lateness".

On rainy days the gazebo is there for shelter and the library in the Meadow is open from 8.30am for you to come in and read with your child. If you are in the library please take your child out to join their line at 8.50am.

JUNIORS

To ensure a calm, peaceful start to the day, your child may arrive at their classroom door anytime between 8.30am and 8.45am. Early morning activities will be organised during this time. Please be aware that there are no facilities for school staff supervision on the playground at the start of the day. If your child arrives between 8.45am and 8.55am, they will be marked late on the register. Arrivals after 8.55am will be recorded as "unauthorised lateness".

If it's raining "cats and dogs" the class teachers will open their doors earlier at their discretion. Please understand that the mornings are very busy for the staff as they are planning the day's activities and preparing resources.

Should your child have a fall before the start of school you can of course come in for first aid but remember they are your responsibility at this time!

Please park with consideration for the safety of our children and residents in our vicinity. I have received a letter from local residents in the flats on Kingfisher Road leading to New Hythe Lane, requesting that you do not use their car park as it is solely or the use of tenants only. Thank you