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20 August 2021

Newsletter



Important Dates

Mon 23 rd Aug	FS1, FS2 and EDC Start Date
WB 23 rd Aug	Forest school Sessions Commence: Y1 -Y6
WB 23 rd Aug	Library Sessions Commence – see below of class timetable
WB 30 th Aug	Forest school Sessions Commence: FS1 and FS2
Thur, 23 rd Sep	School Closed at 1200hrs
Fri 24 th Sep	School Closed Inset Days
Tue 28 th Sep	Y1 – Y6 Cross Country

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to witness the enthusiasm and excitement of the children as they have returned to the British Section to continue their journey through primary school.

I have been impressed with their love of learning, and their caring and respectful attitude, and I am very much looking forward to welcoming FS1 and FS2 on Monday 23rd August.

I have had a delightful beginning to my role as the Headteacher of the British Section, SHAPE International School and am committed doing my absolute best for the children at the school, working with the staff team to ensure that all children reach their full potential within a challenging, engaging and relevant curriculum.

I have already made a start on my initial priority of meeting all the children and staff and to gather information on the current strengths and successes of the school. I will then use this information to complete a development plan which will be made available on the school website.

I look forward to meeting you all virtually this afternoon.

Yours faithfully,

Kim Jackaman

Forest School

We are delighted to announce that our Forest School will commence on the following days:



Monday 23 rd August	-	Year 6
Tuesday 24 th August	-	Year 5
Friday 27 th August	-	Year 4
Thursday 26 th August	-	Year 3
Friday 27 th August	-	Year 2
Wednesday 25 th August	-	Year 1
Tuesday 31 st August	-	Year FS2
Monday 30 th August	-	Year FS1

Your child's Forest school session will continue every week on their assigned day following their commencement date.

Please ensure that all kit is in school for your child's Forest School sessions: even when sunny and warm at the start of a session, the temperature within the woodland can be many degrees lower. The whole session will be spent outdoors whatever the weather - so appropriate clothing is essential. The only time that we will not be working outdoors is in excessive high winds or lightning. Please be aware that children may get muddy during these sessions so for their own comfort, it is important that they are wearing appropriate clothing.



When a child goes out to Forest School they will explore areas where there are brambles, nettles and even the possibility of coming into contact with ticks, so full length trousers and tops are essential.



Below is a list of the clothing that children will require:

- Wellington boots/waterproof footwear - **No open toe sandals to forest school**
- Old long trousers (as nettles and brambles can sting bare legs)
- 2 pairs of warm socks (feet get very cold in wellies, especially in winter)
- Layers for the top of the body, depending on the weather:
- Vest
- Long sleeve top
- Fleece/sweatshirt/jumper/ old warm top
- Jacket/Waterproof coat Gloves/mittens
- Woolly hat/sunhat

To keep this as simple as possible, on your child's Forest School day, **please send your child to school wearing their forest school clothes. They should bring their school uniform to get changed into after/or if needed if their clothing gets very dirty.**

Covid-19 Arrangements

Bubbles – As directed by both UK and Host Nation guidelines, bubbles will no longer be required in primary school settings, and children are allowed to mix freely. The British Section will be able to return to a full timetable with whole school assemblies, and both floors and all rooms open and available to all children.



Masks – Neither the UK nor the Host Nation require primary school aged children to wear masks, and pupils at the British Section will not be required to wear a mask either inside the school building or on the campus. Please be aware that children travelling to school by bus will still be required to wear a mask whilst on the bus.

The British Section will continue to follow the current SHAPE directive on mask wearing for adults, and staff will be wearing masks whilst travelling around the school building or when they can not maintain a safe 1.5m distance. All adult visitors to the school are requested to wear a mask whilst in the school building.

Ventilation and hand washing - Ventilation of rooms and frequent hand washing are encouraged by both UK and Host Nation guidance. All rooms will be as ventilated as is practically possible at all times, and children will be provided with frequent opportunities to wash hands.

Covid-19 symptoms - If a person is displaying one or more of the three main symptoms of Covid-19, no matter how mild, then that person must take a PCR test and isolate at home. Any member of the British Section that develops these symptoms during the school day will be sent home.

These symptoms are as follows:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

In addition, any children or adults that live with the person displaying any of these three symptoms will also need to seek medical advice and isolate.

Illness - We will no longer be sending children home with low level cold symptoms such as runny noses or sneezing. Parents are encouraged not to send children in if they are ill, and we will always act in the best interests of the child and the school body, but the very low tolerance approach of last academic year will no longer be applied. The clearest example of how this change may affect your child is if they are showing low level cold symptoms (sneezing, runny nose) but are otherwise well, they will now be able to attend school.

New Lunch Menu

The new lunch menu can be found here for your convenience:

<http://www.britishsectionshape.com/page/school-lunch-menu/18786>

Please could you inform the school office if your child no longer requires school lunch this year. In order to ensure the smooth running of the lunch ordering, we ask that children commit to either school lunch or packed lunches, without frequent changes.

Please be aware that if your child is down for school lunch and they have a packed lunch, then they will still be charged for the lunch. The cost of school meals for FS1 and Year 3-Year 6 is €2.49 per meal. There is no charge for children in FS2 to Year 2.

Lunch bills are issued on a monthly basis and are raised at the end of each month for the meals that your child has eaten. You will not be charged for a lunch when your child has not attended school. Payment details will be issued along with the monthly bills.

Please see below an important disclaimer from the UK Mess:

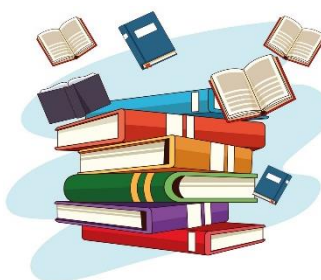
UK DINNING FACILITY ALLERGENS DISCLAIMER

1. The UK dinning facility makes every attempt to identify ingredients that may cause an allergic reaction for those with food allergies or intolerances.
2. However, there is always risk of cross contamination as in our kitchen we use products such as but not limited to milk, eggs, gluten, seafood, peanuts, other nuts, sesame seeds and capsicum.
3. The Dinning facility also has no ability to track or trace the risk of cross contamination prior to deliver of all food stuffs.
4. There is always a risk of contamination; we cannot guarantee a total absence of these products in any of our food or dishes.
5. Customers with food allergies or intolerances must be aware of this risk. The UK Dinning Facility will not assume any liability for adverse reactions from the food consumed, or items one may come in to contact with.

School Library

The children will commence their library sessions from next week, please ensure that the children bring their book bags on the day of their library session.

<i>Library Days:</i>	Year 1	-	Thursday
	Year 2	-	Thursday
	Year 3	-	Monday
	Year 4	-	Monday
	Year 5	-	Friday
	Year 6	-	Friday



The FS1 and FS2 class will have access to a range of suitable books within the EYFS unit's own library.

Student Information

If your address or contact details have recently changed please send the new details to SHAPE.ASBM@modschools.org.

School Uniform

We are delighted to announce that we have a full stock of school uniform and House t-shirts. If you wish to purchase any of these items please contact the school office on SHAPE.ASBM@modschools.org to book a suitable date and time for your visit.



SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Sweatshirt / Cardigan with Emblem	€20
Fleece with Emblem	€24