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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 3,

Although I hope that you already feel part of our school through the transition work in the summer term, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Maidenbower Junior School to both you and your child/ren. We are looking forward to working with you over the next four years.

Returning after a long summer break can be a difficult time, but even more so when it is to a new school, so it is normal for the children to be experiencing a range of emotions this morning. The children are having a great first day with lots of smiles and laughs and they are settling into their new surroundings. Please speak to us if you have any concerns about your child's transition into the school building in the morning as there lots of possibilities to help with this.

#### Arriving at school

We encourage families to walk to school. If this is not possible, the best places to park are in the Frogshole Pub car park (where you can cross the road and enter school via the back gate through the upper school playground), or at Maidenbower Park. There is also space at the car park by the shops, but we encourage you to avoid Harvest Road due to traffic and for the safety of our pupils. Please do not park or drop off on Harvest Road.

Today, the teachers collected the children from the playground; however from tomorrow the arrangements will be as they are for the rest of the school. The doors will open at 8:40am and children will make their way to their cloakroom and class. There will be staff on the doors in the morning to answer any questions or assist you in any way.

#### **Collection**

School finishes at 3.15pm. The playtime gates will be opened by staff once the playgrounds are clear at around 3.05pm. The playground will start to become busy so we ask for siblings to stay close to you with no bikes or scooters being used. It is also helpful to stand away from the school doors to allow space for teachers to safely dismiss their class.





# PE days

Children are to wear their PE kits on PE days to allow maximum time to be spent on the learning. PE will take place on the following days:

Class	Outdoor PE	Indoor PE (usually)
3JD	Monday	Tuesday
3EA	Monday	Thursday
3EH	Monday	Tuesday
3JM	Monday	Wednesday
3PG	Friday	Monday

# After-school clubs

Information about Autumn Term clubs will be sent out later in the week with details of how to sign up for them.

A reminder that Camp Glide provide wraparound school care and are based at our school. Further details can be found on our website.

### **Communication**

There will be weekly communication every Friday via our newsletter – this will give you details of events and dates coming up, along with celebrating what is going on in school.

Please contact us if you have any queries and once again, welcome to Maidenbower Junior School.

Yours sincerely

Simon Pike Headteacher