CARR JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

A very warm welcome back to the start of a brand new school year! It's been a fantastic first week—full of energy, laughter, and that brilliant buzz of learning that makes our school such a special place. Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning after the holidays, it's been lovely to see so many happy, smiling faces coming through the gates.

As many of you know, I'm stepping into the role of Head of School this year. Although the title is new, I'm not new to the school, and I feel incredibly proud and privileged to continue working alongside our wonderful staff, children, and families in this new capacity.

We've had a great start to the term, and I'm looking forward to the months ahead. Please take a few moments to read the important notices and reminders below.

Safeguarding updates

We have made some updates to our Safeguarding Team to ensure we continue to provide the best support for our pupils. Laura Winston, Head of School, is now our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). She is supported by two Deputy DSLs, Daniella Harrison and Lisa Goliger. Together, they are here to help keep all our children safe and well. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the team.



Laura Winston

Head of School

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Daniella Harrison

Pastoral Lead

Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Lisa Goliger

Vice Principal & SENCO

Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Planner Yellow Pages & Contact Details

Please sign the yellow pages in your child's planner by Monday 8th September.

If any of your contact details have changed, please inform the office as soon as possible.

Year 3 families – please ensure the yellow contact forms and dental forms are returned to the office as soon as possible.

Walking & Mobile Phone Permissions

Walking and mobile phone permission forms have been sent out. Please ensure these are completed and returned if they apply to your child. We will need the walking home permission form completed before your child is able to walk home alone.

Flu Vaccinations – 23rd September

Flu vaccinations will take place in school on Monday 23rd September. You should have received an email about this—please follow the link to give **Yes** or **No** consent. It's important we receive a response either way.

Swift Kitchen – School Meals

School meals should be booked via SwiftKitchen. If you don't yet have login details, please contact the office.

If your child has any allergies or dietary needs, it's essential you speak to the office so that the appropriate forms and care plans can be completed.

After-School Clubs

Our after-school clubs are now live and available to book via ParentPay. If you need help accessing your ParentPay account, the office will be happy to assist.

Drop-off and Pick-up

Morning doors open at 8:40am and close at 8:50am. Children will enter and leave school through the same door each day.

Medications

If your child requires medication in school (such as inhalers or EpiPens), please bring these to the office as soon as possible. All medical care plans must also be up to date. Contact the office if you're unsure or need help with this.

PE Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 4 - Dance	Year 5 - Fitness	Year 6 - Fitness	Year 4 - Fitness skills	Year 6 - Gymnastics

Year 3 - Fitness	Sparks			Year 3 - Team building then Swimming starting on the 19th September
Year 5 - Swimming starting on the 15th September				

Site Changes & Fencing

Over the summer, you may have noticed new fencing added around the school site, including between the playground and field. These changes have been part of a carefully considered plan that has been in development since last year, following several thorough reviews of site safety.

We understand that the new fencing may look different but please be assured that every decision has been made with the safety and wellbeing of our children as the top priority. The size and layout of our site present unique challenges, and the updated fencing helps us manage this more effectively while ensuring that all children can enjoy outdoor spaces safely.

Children still have access to the field at break and lunchtime, weather permitting, and we remain committed to providing a safe, active, and enjoyable environment for them throughout the school day.

Reading Volunteers – Can You Help?

My apologies that there is so much admin in this first newsletter, but at the beginning of the school year there are just lots of bits that need sorting out! Going forward, you'll receive this fortnightly newsletter, which will keep you updated on all the exciting things happening in school, as well as key information and reminders. In addition to the newsletter, we'll send a short Monday email each week with helpful reminders and notices for the week ahead - a quick and easy way to stay in the loop.

Thank you once again for a brilliant start to the year. Your support is always appreciated, and I'm really looking forward to all that this year holds for our school community.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Laura Winston
Head of School