



4th September 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Back to School - Information

I hope you have had a happy and fun-filled holiday.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to school tomorrow, Tuesday 5th September.

Arrival

During the first week at school, **Year Four to Year Six children** will be invited to walk into school as usual via the Blue Door. It will be opened at 08:35.

Our new **Year Three children** will line up outside their classrooms, giving them a chance to adjust to the new routines and to allow parents to get to know a few key staff.

There will be staff in the playground to help families.

From Monday 11th September, all children will arrive in school via the Blue Door, and leave via their class door.

Being Prompt

We promote a soft start to support parents with transport to our school and others, and to enable children to have time to put their belongings away before the first lesson which begins at 08:45.

Departure

Children will leave through their class doors at the end of the day at 15:20.

Snacks & Water Bottles

Should you wish to provide a snack for your child, to be eaten during morning break, please ensure these are healthy and are **NUT FREE**. This includes products that may contain traces of nuts. Potential allergens could include the following:

NUTELLA, and NUTELLA based products; other butters or spreads eg. peanut butter; cereal bars; some types of biscuits, cakes and/ or snack pots containing nuts.

Pupils must bring a named water bottle with them each day. They can refill it when needed.

School Dinners

Please pay upfront on the first day of term, and weekly – usually Monday – thereafter. You may also pay monthly or termly. School dinners are amazing value at £2.50 per day.

Packed lunch space is very limited.

We do also offer parents/ carers the opportunity to join their child for lunch. Booking is essential and must be done in advance of the day you wish to have lunch with your child via the school office. Adults are £5, and under 12s are £2.50.

Lockers and Equipment

Each pupil has their own locker. It is designed to fit a small school bag and a coat. We also provide children with a tool kit containing all the equipment they need in class. However, we do ask that you provide your child with a named glue stick, headphones, and an art apron/ shirt.

PE Days

Children should wear their PE kit to school on their PE Day.

Please note: Year Three will have PE from this Friday 8th September. All other year groups will commence PE from next week (wc 11th September)

Day	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Year Group	6MR & 6PM	6BC & 6KW	Year Five	Year Four	Year Three

Open Door Week, Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th September

This week, we will host our annual Open Door Week where parents will be invited to walk around the school, see their child's classroom, and meet staff. Please enter via your child's class door anytime from 15:20-16:00.

Communication

Every Friday, Letters to Parents are emailed out to parents/ carers. Please check that the office team have your correct contact details. Letters are also stored on our website (www.crosshalljunior.co.uk), throughout the whole year, under **Digital Office > Letters to Parents**.

Our **weekly CLOSE UP newsletter** is sent out every Friday as part of the Letter Day email. Our **monthly magazine, CONNECTS** is sent out the first Friday of each month.

You can also follow/ like us on Facebook @CrosshallJuniorAT and Instagram @CrosshallJunior.

Arbor

Our new Management Information System (MIS) from Arbor allows us to communicate with you via email and text, as well as via the Arbor app.

The Arbor app also allows parents/ carers to view, change, and/ or amend key information about your child and make payments for items such as school meals and school trips.

By now you should have received details on how to register and login. Details will have been sent to the contact email address we have on file for you. Please contact the school office if you have not yet received login details.

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In the last few days, you will have seen or read in the news that some schools sadly have been told that they cannot reopen this week.

Last year, Crosshall Junior School's building was audited for RAAC and, as expected, no issues were found.

The staff and governors are looking forward to seeing you all in the coming days, weeks and months.

2023-24 is going to be another great year!

Kind regards,

Anne Eardley
Head Teacher