



6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Headteacher's Welcome – Term 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a real pleasure to see our children return to school on Friday and I was delighted to welcome our new Reception children, as they began their Newlands journey this morning. It is lovely to see our school filled with children, happy to see all of their friends once again and I have been so impressed by how quickly they are all settling into their new classes.

#### Our School Day

For years 1 to 6, our drop-off time is from 8:40am – 9:00am and our collection time is 3:15-3:25pm. Our reception children will start at 9:00am and finish at 3:00pm (as of 13<sup>th</sup> September). For those parents with more than one child at the school, they can be picked up in any order and we hope this will alleviate some of the congestion caused by all of our parents and children arriving at one entrance together. I will continue to monitor our drop-off and collection arrangements over the next two weeks and communicate if there are any changes to be made.

This year we are continuing with children coming to school in their PE kits on their PE day – these have been added to the class table below:

Phase	Class	Teacher	Phase	Class	Teacher
<b>EYFS</b>  <i>PE: Weds</i>	Minnis Bay	Mrs K Ward	<b>LKS2</b> Years 3 & 4  <i>PE: Thurs</i>	Palm Bay	Mrs S Roberts
	Epple Bay	Miss N Parker		Botany Bay	Miss D Brenton
				Kingsgate Bay	Mrs L Adkins
<b>KS1</b> Years 1 & 2  <i>PE: Tues</i>	St Mildred's Bay	Mrs K Rayner	<b>UKS2</b> Years 5 & 6  <i>PE: Mon</i>	Joss Bay	Mrs J McManus
	Westbrook Bay	Miss H Bolden		Stone Bay	Mrs K White
	Walpole Bay	Mrs L Johnson		Viking Bay	Miss K Setterfield



We are so pleased to see the children all wearing their Newlands school uniform at the beginning of the new academic year. They all look so smart and are very proud to be part of our lovely school. As a polite reminder, it is a school expectation that all children wear the correct Newlands uniform. Footwear needs to be black and if wearing trainer type footwear, these need to be black, non-branded and without logos. Mrs Chalklin organises our pre-loved uniform shop, where you can find uniform to meet your needs for a minimum donation of just £1.

### **Rules and Values**

During our transition day on Friday, our teachers spent time with the children reminding them of our school rules and our values. We have three School rules: Be Safe, Be Ready and Be Respectful. We have purposely kept them simple and positive so they are easy to understand for all of our children. In addition to our school rules, we also have our school values which spell out the word *RESPECT*, something we want the children to have for themselves and others. Our values are:

**RESPONSIBILITY** – to have ownership of looking after themselves and their learning

**EMPATHY** – to strive to understand and share the feelings of others

**SUCCESS** – to work hard and celebrate achieving their aims

**PERSEVERANCE** – to keep going when things are difficult

**ENTHUSIASM** – to maintain an interest and enjoyment in their learning

**CREATIVITY** – to use their imagination and ideas to create new things

**TEAMWORK** – to collaborate and work together to achieve their goals

We celebrate children displaying these values and each week in our Celebration Assembly we recognise those children that have earned one of our Newlands badges. Our rules and our values underpin everything we do and feed into our Newlands school motto – Creating New Futures.

### **Parent Governors**

Our governing body is currently looking to recruit new parent governors. If you would like to become more involved with the strategic goals and direction of our school, we would love to hear from you. Our chair of governors Mr Roger Silk is happy to explain the role in more detail and can be contacted by email at [roger.silk@dmpa-tkat.org](mailto:roger.silk@dmpa-tkat.org)

### **Coronavirus**

As you are aware, Government guidance has changed considerably since the end of the summer term and we have ended our bubble system for children. We have also removed our restrictions relating to staggered starts and the wearing of face coverings. However, there continue to be a significant number of cases of COVID-19 locally, so please be mindful and observe people's personal space. Full details of our current Coronavirus Risk Assessment (version 10) is available on our school website. Whilst we all hope these changes remain in place, we have to be aware that we may have to introduce changes or revert to procedures from previous risk assessments. We have a Contingency Framework document that outlines some of the actions that may happen, dependant on the number of COVID cases within the school and/or local community. As a school, our priority is to try and navigate a way forward as we learn to live with COVID-19 that has the least disruption to our children's education and wellbeing. We continue to work with our academy trust and public health organisations to achieve this and we will share any information and changes as they occur.

Yours sincerely,



Mr David Bailey

Headteacher