

Date: 01|09|2022

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome to the new academic year! I hope you and your families have enjoyed the summer break and feel ready for the new year ahead. Here are the final details ahead of your child starting the new term in the coming days.

**Parent Pay:** On the first day of school, **students who are new to the school will receive a printed copy of the Parent Pay login details** needed to set up an online account for your child (there is no change to account details for existing SRS students – please top up your child’s account as normal for the start of term).

**All new students will be able to have a school lunch on their first day of school** (unless they prefer to bring a packed lunch). Parents will be able to set up their Parent Pay account with the details provided and pay for any meals purchased.

If your child is eligible for **Free School Meals** you will not incur a cost. If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, please check the details at the end of this letter and contact the school to set this up.

**EduLink app:** Parents of new Year 7 students will receive details by email for how to access the EduLink app on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, the day of your child starting at SRS. If you need to update any of your contact details i.e. your email address, home address or phone numbers, please inform us of this straight away by emailing [office@sydneyrussellschool.com](mailto:office@sydneyrussellschool.com)

### September 2022 – start of term arrangements

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September - Primary: Y1 to Y6	
8.30am	School gate (Parsloes Avenue entrance) opens
8:40am	School starts, registration
3.00pm	End of school day (parents to enter the playground via the Parsloes Avenue entrance)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September - Secondary: Y7 only	
8.35am	Y7 start of day (students may arrive earlier but must be in school by 8.35am)
3.00pm	Y7 end of day
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September – start of autumn term - normal school day times for all students (Y1 – Y13)	
Primary – gate opens from 8.30am, registration at 8.40am	
Secondary & 16+ – school open for students to arrive for breakfast from 7.30am, registration at 8.40am	
EYFS phased start begins (see details sent)	

A reminder of our **Right Start Parents' Evenings** which will provide parents with the information and guidance they need to best support their child at each stage of their education. You are required to attend the session for your child.

Year group	Date of Right Start Parents' Evening	Time	Venue
EYFS	5 <sup>th</sup> October	6 – 7pm	Primary
Year 1	28 <sup>th</sup> September	6 – 7pm	Primary
Year 2	29 <sup>th</sup> September	6 – 7pm	Primary
Year 3	4 <sup>th</sup> October	6 – 7pm	Primary
Year 4	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	6 – 7pm	Primary
Year 5	27 <sup>th</sup> September	6 – 7pm	Primary
Year 6	26 <sup>th</sup> September	6 – 7pm	Primary
Year 7	6 <sup>th</sup> September (Introduction to secondary and Key Stage 3)	6 – 7pm	Secondary
Year 10	27 <sup>th</sup> September (Introduction to Key Stage 4)	6 – 7pm	Secondary
Year 11	13 <sup>th</sup> September (Preparation for GCSE examination year)	6 – 7pm	Secondary
Year 12	27 <sup>th</sup> September (Introduction to Sixth Form and Key Stage 5)	6 – 7pm	Secondary

To be kept informed of what is going on in school each week, I encourage you to read the **weekly school newsletter** and sign up to the **EduLink app** as well as check your emails regularly. Please note the key dates for the academic year which have been published on the website.

On behalf of the whole SRS staff, I wish your child a smooth return to school and a very happy and successful year ahead.

Yours faithfully,



Clare Cross

Principal

### **Are you eligible for Free School Meals?**

At The Sydney Russell School we like to provide families with all the information regarding the financial support that is available to them. Free school meals money is paid directly into the canteen accounts of the pupils. Students do not carry a card and are not highlighted in any way. In addition, the school receives additional funding based on the number of students with Free School Meals. It is therefore beneficial to all students if families who are eligible apply, even if they choose not to take up the offer.

You can get free meals if your child attends The Sydney Russell School and you receive **one of the following benefits**:

Income Support

Income Based Job Seekers Allowance

Income Related Employment and Support Allowances (ESA-(IR))

Child Tax Credit – Providing you do not receive Working Tax Credit and have an assessed annual income that is less than £16,190

Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit

Or if you are supported by NASS and supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (you must provide your NASS reference number)

Please note:

Only one FSM visit to the canteen is possible during the day, and credit may not be carried over. If an item is purchased in morning break, then the full day's FSM allowance will be used up. It is advised that FSM allowance is used at lunch time to purchase a full meal and a drink. If you wish to purchase something at morning break, then please bring additional funds.

### **FREE SCHOOL MEAL ALLOCATION WILL INCLUDE 1 x MAIN MEAL and 1 x DESSERT**

#### **What is a main meal?**

A main meal may consist of one of the following accompanied with any vegetables of the day:

- Soup of the day & one bread roll
- A meat or poultry or fish dish
- A vegetarian meal
- Jacket potato with 2 fillings
- Vegetables of the day
- 3 salads with a bread roll
- One sandwich or baguette

#### **What is a dessert?**

A dessert may consist of one of the following:

- One fresh fruit
- Dessert of the day
- Fresh fruit salad
- Yogurt

#### **Drinks**

Water jugs will be available during both lunches. All other drinks will be charged accordingly.

**If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and you are not yet claiming, please email [office@sydneyrussellschool.com](mailto:office@sydneyrussellschool.com)**