



Maiden Erleigh School in Reading

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Dear Parents and Carers

A New School Year Begins

It is with a real sense of excitement that I write this message to you at the start of the new school year.

Your children arrived at school looking really smart in their new uniforms and well prepared for the start of the new academic year. Thank you for your support in ensuring they have the correct uniform and equipment they need so that we can get off to a really good start.

I am delighted to report that the school is in full swing. Pupils have met their new tutors and subject teachers and there is a very purposeful buzz about the school. As I visit lessons I am struck by the sense of eagerness as we establish our routines with learning at the heart of everything we do. Our pupils acquitted themselves really well in front of the BBC TV cameras and other media last week and were confident, assured and poised. See some of the media coverage on the following links:

Get Reading

<http://www.getreading.co.uk/news/local-news/maidenerlegh-free-school-opens-9985619>

ReadingChronicle:

http://www.readingchronicle.co.uk/news/13646921.Maiden_Erleigh_free_school_opens_in_East_Reading/

The opportunity to establish a new school from scratch is tremendously exciting and we are keen to work with you in establishing our traditional values of hard work, firm discipline, good manners and smart uniform. We know from experience that it is only through a close working relationship with parents and carers that we will be able to bring out the very best in all our pupils.

I would like to enlist your support with a few other matters in order to improve the day-to-day running of our school.

Road Safety

One area that I would like to enlist your support for is that of road safety. As you are aware, the forecourt of the school at the Hamilton Road entrance and the areas immediately outside are extremely busy at the beginning and the end of the day. In order to maintain the safety of the children, we are requesting that you do not bring your car onto the school site between the hours of 8.00am and 3pm (unless it is to pick up a sick or injured child). As there is a great deal of congestion in the area by the Hamilton Road entrance, it would also be helpful, if you need to pick up your child, to arrange to do so a little away from the area. Please can we ask that if you do need to park in one of the nearby roads, that you are respectful of local residents and you do not block resident's driveways. Please note that the unadopted road next to the school is a private road for residents only. We would also request that you remind your son/daughter of the need to take care, particularly at the starts and ends of the day and to use the pavements rather than the road when walking out of school and use the pedestrian gate at all times.

Cycling

Some pupils are now cycling to school. Pupils are strongly advised to wear a cycle helmet – doing so has proven to reduce the risk of fatal head injury by 88% in the unlikely event of a serious accident. We should be grateful if you could ensure that your child's bike is in roadworthy condition and that they are aware of basic road safety as the roads around the school can be very busy. Pupils should park their bike in the designated areas on the site, ensure it is locked with a padlock and should dismount once they are on the school site.

Timekeeping

Punctuality with attendance at registration and lessons is very important. Pupils must be in registration by 8.40am to register with their tutors. A few pupils are arriving late to school. We would ask parents to urge their youngsters to get to registration by 8.40am each day so that we can ensure a prompt start to the school day, but no earlier than 8.25am, please.

Lockers

Thank you for your patience with the allocation of lockers. We will allocate lockers shortly.

Open Evening: Monday 28 September

Over the next few months we will welcome applications for our second intake in September 2016, when we will admit a further 180 pupils to Year 7. If you or your friends have a child currently in Year 6, then we would be delighted to see you at our Open Evening on Monday 28 September. Please see our website for details.

New Academic Year Dates

Please find attached a list of important Calendar dates for the new academic year.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely



Dr P Thomas
Headteacher

CALENDAR 2015/16: KEY DATES

AUTUMN TERM

1-2 Sept	Staff Professional Development Days
3 Sept	Start of term
7 Sept	School Photographs
28 Sept	Open Afternoon/Evening
7 Oct	E Safety Day
12 Oct	Maths Puzzle Day
15 Oct	Year 7 Settling In/Tirabad Meeting
26-30 Oct	HALF TERM
11 Nov	Staff Professional Development Day
13 Nov	Celebration Cake Party
4 Dec	Year 7 Tirabad 4-11 Dec
14 Dec	Christmas Music Event
18 Dec	Christmas Assembly
21 Dec-4 Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

SPRING TERM

4 Jan	Staff Professional Development Day
5 Jan	Start of Term
20 Jan	Art and Technology Day
1 – 5 Feb	Celebrating Cultures Week
12 Feb	Inter Form Sports Event
15-19 Feb	HALF TERM
25 Feb	Places of Worship visit
4 March	Celebration Film Party
24 March	Last day of term
25 March-8 April	EASTER HOLIDAYS

SUMMER TERM

11 Apr	Start of term
15 Apr	Full Reports Home
26 Apr	Parents' Evening – 3.30 pm – 7.00 pm
28 Apr	Junior Maths Challenge
2 May	BANK HOLIDAY
9 May	Inter Form Sports Event
21 May	Thorpe Park
30 May-3 June	HALF TERM
15 June	Art Trip
29 June	Year 6 Induction Day/ New Parents' Meeting
5 July	Staff Professional Development Day
8 July	Sports Day
12 July	Summer Music Event
20 July	End of Term