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Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Families,

Well, what an amazing first day back it's been for both of our schools. It's been lovely to officially welcome our Nursery School family to the Castleway campus. Seeing so many happy, smiling faces this morning made the long days (and nights) of the last six weeks worth it. I have been incredibly proud of our amazing staff teams with their dedication to ensuring our schools were ready to welcome our children back today.

Seeing everyone in their brand-new uniform was quite the sight to behold! We really have brightened up the whole estate with our new school logos!

We're also bringing our Nursery School staff in line with the Primary School team with regards to how they're addressed by our children. Nursery School staff are going to be known by their surname. Don't worry, we're not expecting everyone to remember straight away... we're still getting used to it too!



## Welcome to Team Castleway!

In addition to welcoming the children and staff of our Nursery School, we've also welcomed new children to our 2 Year Old and Nursery classrooms. Seeing children in their brand new Castleway Nursery School uniform has been amazing. Mrs. Kay is working hard to secure funding so that we'll be able to offer free uniform to all families. Watch this space!

We've also welcomed Miss Dalby to the team. Miss Dalby is our new Year 2 teacher and will be taking on the additional role of 'Learning Lead' at Castleway. She's joined our Leadership Team and is already making a great impact! Miss Dalby isn't the only new teacher to join us, Mr. Smith has joined the team as our new Year 6 teacher and PE Leader. I'm delighted to welcome two experienced teachers to our Castleway family.

The messages of hello continue with a big Team Castleway welcome to our new Reception Class children. Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Clay have had a lovely day and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children sitting beautifully and singing in our assembly this morning. Here starts the adventure where memories are made!

One last hello to the children who have joined other classes across our school today. Please join me in sharing a big Castleway welcome with Alex, Charlie and Jamie in Year 6, Joshua in Year 5, Kian and Tommy in Year 3 and Declan in Year 2. In assembly we sing about Castleway being 'the place to be' and it is clearly true!

I'm looking forward to getting to know all of our new additions better as we move through the academic year.

## Before & After School Care Club

The Nursery School before and after school club has resumed with no changes from how they were operating at the old site. Staff in our Nursery classrooms will be able to confirm availability with you for these sessions. Our Primary School before and after school clubs (8:00 - 8:50 am & 3:25 - 5:30pm) are running as usual. Breakfast Club is £1 per child per session and After School Care Club is £4 per child per day.

We'll be sharing details of our Extra-Curricular After School Clubs shortly.



## **Telephone System**

As part of our renovations, we are excited to be moving to a cloud-based phone system. We're hoping this will be completed in the next two weeks. In the meantime, the phone number for both schools is (0151) 677 2953.

## Primary School PE Timetable

As you know, we place a high importance on PE and School Sport at Castleway. Please see the timetable below to see when children need to wear their PE kit to school. Please ensure that your child only wears the agreed PE kit. We will contact parents of children who aren't following our uniform policy. Our PE kit hasn't changed: plain white, round neck t-shirt and plain blue or black shorts for all children please.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 4 & Year 5	Whole School PE	Year 2 & Year 3	Reception & Year 1	Year 6
	with MW Sports			

Swimming for all classes will continue this academic year. We're delighted that we're able to commit to supporting all of our children with this all-important life skill. Details about timings of sessions will follow in due course.

It's been a brilliant start to the new academic year and a wonderful start to the new chapter for both of our schools.

We are Castleway and we are proud of it!

As always if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, Mr. S. Mvcroft

Headteacher

