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Dear Shacklewell Families,

Re: Welcome To The New School Term

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer break. It is a pleasure to warmly welcome you and your children back to school as we begin an exciting new academic year.

A very special welcome goes to all the families who are joining our school community for the first time. We are delighted to have you with us and are truly looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks.

I am thrilled to be starting my role as the Headteacher of Shacklewell. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone I have met so far for the warm welcome I have received - it has been wonderful to feel part of the school community already.

As a reminder, please see our senior leadership team structure for the year ahead:



Nicole Reid
Executive Headteacher



Matthew Trahair
Headteacher



Cassey Williams
Deputy Headteacher



Frederick Waldon
Assistant Headteacher
Inclusion Leader

As a leadership team, we are always here to support you. Please feel free to reach out to any of us if you have questions, queries, or need assistance at any point during the term.

As we settle back into our school routines, I would like to share a few important reminders:

School timings

Children should arrive at school by 8.50am each morning. The bell is then rung at **8.55am** and children head straight to their classrooms to begin their learning. Children arriving after 9.00am will be marked as late. The school day finishes at 3.30pm, unless children attend wraparound provision.

School website

Please remember that all key information including class timetables, curriculum content, homework projects, school policies, clubs information, term dates, news and much more will regularly be added to our school website: <https://www.shacklewell.hackney.sch.uk/>. If you can't find the information you need on the site, then please contact the school office.

School uniform

We expect all children to attend school in the correct school uniform every day. Our uniform can be ordered from [Khalsa Schoolwear](#). As part of their uniform children must wear **black school shoes**, except on their PE days when they should wear plain black or white trainers.

Meet the teacher sessions

Each year in Autumn term we run **Meet the Teacher** sessions for you to meet your child's new class teacher and receive key information about the year. These sessions will take place in your child's classroom from either 9.00am - 9.30am, or 3.00pm - 3.30pm on the following days:

- ❖ **Thursday 10th September** - Years 5 and 6
- ❖ **Friday 11th September** - Years 3 and 4
- ❖ **Wednesday 16th September** - Years 1 and 2
- ❖ **Thursday 17th September** - Reception

We are very excited about the year ahead and we look forward to working closely with you to ensure your children achieve and succeed. If you have any questions about the start of term, please contact the school office and a member of the team will be in touch with you.

Warm regards,



Matthew Trahair
Headteacher