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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term! This is going to be a fantastic year for Simonside, building on many successes from last year. We are all raring to go and keen to make sure that your children have the best and happiest education with us. We are delighted that so many new families are joining us this year!

**Start of school:**

Doors to school will now open just before the bell rings at **8:50** to ensure that everyone is in class on time. Children in KS2 will go straight to class once the doors have opened and teachers will be waiting for them in class. Teaching assistants will be on the yard should you have any messages to pass on to your child's teacher. Children in KS1 will line up as usual and the class teacher will come out to collect them at **8:50**.

**Uniform:** I am delighted to see all children returning full of smiles and looking so smart in their new school uniforms. Thank you for your support in ensuring that our children return in full uniform and black shoes, this has been the best turn out ever! Please remember to NAME all uniform (and coats). All children must bring in a named PE kit – trainers, black shorts and green T shirt. This year children will access quality sports training from NUFC foundation coaches, it is therefore essential that the children all have the correct PE kit.

**School Dinners:**

Meals provided are a healthy and tasty choice for all children. Children choose what they would like ensuring that they all enjoy their lunch. Meals costs £2.00 per day and must be paid in advanced at the office.

**Packed lunches:**

Please ensure that packed lunches have healthy options inside. We do not allow sweets, chocolate bars, fizzy drinks including flavoured water (these have up to 12g of sugar hidden in them!). We will ask your child to not eat these in school and they will be sent back in the packed lunch box. We are also going to ask all children on packed lunches to take home all unfinished food as this will give you a better idea of what they are eating. We hope you will all support our healthy school ethos.

**Dates:**

This will be a busy term and you will soon be receiving information letters from your class teachers.

Please keep checking our school website [www.simonside.newcastle.sch.uk](http://www.simonside.newcastle.sch.uk) and blogs to find out all up to date information.

Thank you once again for your continued support and we look forward to working with you and your fantastic children this year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Thompson  
Head Teacher

