

SAMARÈS SCHOOL

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Monday 7th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all enjoyed a happy and restful summer break. As we prepare to open our doors for the new school year tomorrow, there is a real sense of excitement around school. Our staff team has been busy getting everything ready and are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back. We can't wait to hear about their summer adventures and begin another year of learning, friendship and new opportunities together. We have some important start-of-term updates below. We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow and starting what promises to be a wonderful year ahead.

Important building update

You might be aware that we have had building work during the summer holidays. The work is looking amazing! However, there has been a slight delay with a couple of the areas.

The building work included:

- Making the breakfast club room into the new Year 6 classroom (this is looking brilliant and ready to welcome Y6S!).
- An additional room downstairs to be the new breakfast club/after school club and teaching/interview space (not quite ready yet)
- Making a new front entrance near to the back gates rather than the front entrance (not quite ready yet)

Subsequently, we have some changes to our organisation:

- Breakfast club and after-school club will be located in the hall. Drop off and pick up will now be at the main front door. Please phone the after-school club mobile number to let the team know you have arrived to pick up.
- Year 3 and Year 4 will now be picked up by parents in the main school playground from the astro gates.

A small area of the school site remains under development. This area is fully secured and fenced off from both the indoor and outdoor spaces used by children. Comprehensive safety measures are in place to ensure that the construction area remains completely separate from the rest of the school.

A thorough risk assessment has been completed and will be reviewed regularly throughout the project to ensure the highest standards of safety are maintained at all times.

Collection at the end of the day

The table below gives class pick up information. Please also note that:

- Class teachers are responsible for pupils until they are collected. Once a parent/carer has picked up their child, responsibility transfers to them, even if they remain on the school premises.
- Parents/carers must inform the school of any changes to collection arrangements.

Year Group	Pick up information
Nursery	From Nursery door at 2.30pm. Parents collect at the door.
Reception	From Reception door at 3pm. Parents collect at the door.
Year 1	From Year 1 door at 3pm. Parents collect at the door.
Year 2	From Year 2 door at 3pm. Parents collect at the door.
Year 3	Due to building work, Y3 will be collected by parents by the lower astro gates
Year 4	Due to building work, Y4 will be collected by parents by the upper astro gates. Children who walk home are released straight away.
Year 5	At the main gates. Children walk out in a line and wait on the left hand side (as you leave). The classteacher calls the children's name as they see their parent. Children who walk home are released straight away.
Year 6	At the main gates. Children walk out in a line and wait on the right hand side (as you leave). The classteacher calls the children's name as they see their parent. Children who walk home are released straight away.
After school club	A member of staff will take children to After School club at 3pm which is in the hall.
Various year groups	Some children have a bespoke pick up plan. A member of staff will directly facilitate the pick up according to their plan.
Sports Clubs	Children attending sports clubs will come to the main gate with their class and meet the teacher leading the club at the gate. Parents will pick up at the agreed location and the teacher is responsible for the safe release to parents. Any children who are walking home need permission and this is recorded on the club register.

Lunchtimes

We will be slightly changing our lunchtime organisation. We are provided slightly longer to play outside in our OPAL provision for children from Year 1 to Year 6. Play is a valuable part of the school day, and we know how much children benefit from the opportunities it provides for social development, creativity and wellbeing.

There will be slightly less time for children to eat their lunch, with 20 minutes allocated for mealtimes. If any child needs longer to finish their lunch, they will be able to remain in the hall until they have finished eating. In our experience, the vast majority of children comfortably finish their lunch within 20 minutes.

As this is a new arrangement for this term, we will monitor how it is working during the first few weeks and make any adjustments if needed.

Children in Nursery and Reception will continue to have lunch in their classrooms and outdoor learning areas, where they will have up to 30 minutes to eat.

Full details of the timings of which year groups are eating, can be found on our website or at the bottom of this newsletter.

<https://www.samares.sch.je/page/?title=OPAL+%2D+Outdoor+Play+and+Learning+and+Lunchtimes&pid=54>

Hot lunches can now be booked via the parent pay website/app. Please note that children will not be able to swap the hot lunches that has been booked – they must have the lunch that parents have ordered. We advise parents to book lunches with their child(ren) so they know what they are having.

Term Dates

Our INSET Dates for 2026/27 are:

Monday 7th September 2026, Thursday 10th September 2026 (Battle of Britain Day), Friday 11th September 2026 and Friday 5th February 2027.

Term dates can be found here:

[Term Dates - Government of Jersey](#)

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

Many thanks,



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LUNCH & PLAYTIME

Classes:

Year 6S

Year 5G

Year 3B

Year 1B

EATING IN HALL

12:00 – 12:20pm

OUTSIDE PLAYING

12:20 – 1:00pm

BRING LUNCHBOX TROLLEY AND WATER BOTTLES TO THE HALL BEFORE 12PM AND COLLECT AFTER 1PM.

TEACHERS BRING THE CLASS TO THE HALL AT 12:00pm

TEACHERS COLLECT FROM THE PLAYGROUND AT 1:00pm

LUNCH & PLAYTIME

Classes:

Year 4

Year 3C

Year 2HC

EATING IN HALL

12:20 – 12:40pm

• Listen for the first bell

OUTSIDE PLAYING

12:00 – 12:20pm

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TEACHERS BRING THE CLASS TO THE PLAYGROUND AT 12:00pm

TEACHERS COLLECT FROM THE PLAYGROUND AT 1:00pm

LUNCH & PLAYTIME

Classes:

Year 6G

Year 5D

Year 2T

Year 1D

EATING IN HALL

12:40pm – 1:00pm

• Listen for the second bell

OUTSIDE PLAYING

12:00pm – 12:40pm

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