

Wraysbury Primary School Whole School Newsletter



Autumn 1 - September 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We are really looking forward to seeing you! We hope that you are looking forward to the return to school.

Attendance and Punctuality

All children in Years 1 - 6 are back from tomorrow, Wednesday 4th September. Reception have their own staggered start and parents have been individually notified of when their child starts (see the letters page on the website).

Please ensure that your child is punctual, this means coming in the gate from 8.30, **BUT** being in the classroom as soon as possible as we start teaching at 8.45. From 8.30 - 8.45 we run SODA (Start Of The Day Activities). Please note that gates close promptly at 8.40. Children who are

arriving at this time may be asked to go via the office to ensure that we have them accounted for on our registers and may be marked late if they are later than 8.45. Please remember that the gate at the front of the school can not be used - just Waylands and The George.

Travel to and from school

We encourage parents, staff and pupils to walk, use a scooter or cycle to school if at all possible.

PLEASE PARK AWAY FROM THE SCHOOL IF YOU HAVE TO DRIVE, AND WALK THE LAST BIT OF YOUR JOURNEY.

Morning Drop Off

2 gates will be open (Waylands and The George) Please use whichever you prefer.

Please be aware that we are inviting parents to come onto the school site to drop off children for the first 2 days (Wednesday/Thursday). Please then leave your child at the gate each morning, in order that we can ensure a prompt start to the school day. Staff will be in the playgrounds and at the classroom doors to welcome the children in every day. EYFS may take a few extra days to settle into this system and we realise this.

End of the day - Collection

KS1 PARENTS PLEASE ARRIVE PROMPTLY BY 3.00 AND KS2 PARENTS PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE AT THE SCHOOL UNTIL 3.10.

From Thursday, Year 6 will be able to use their Gate Pass to exit the school site and make their own way home from 3.10. Gate

passes will be issued to commence from Thursday 5th. Please email the school if this is a problem for you.

All parents will be able to come onto the school site to collect their children at home time.

- **EYFS, Y1 and Y2 will need to be collected from their classroom door at 3.10 pm**
- **Key Stage 2 will be from the Key Stage 2 playground at 3.20 pm, there will be posters to show you where to wait.**

Once you have collected your child, please leave the school site as quickly as possible. **Please do not allow your younger children to play on or with the play equipment.**

Activity clubs

Gap Club will be operating for Breakfast and After School Care. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE BOOKED WITH THEM IN ORDER THAT THEY KNOW WHO REQUIRES AFTER SCHOOL/ BREAKFAST CLUB.** Outside provider clubs will start in the next

couple of weeks as will our Teacher Clubs.

School Office

We have a fantastic office team, Ms Jo Harris is our Office Manager. The School office will be open to answer any queries but please be mindful that it is a small area and you may be asked to wait outside if there are too many people in the Office area.

Parents should do all they can to ensure that children are not late and that they have all that



they need for the day (e.g. packed lunches, PE kit)

There is a post box for you to drop off communications such as slips outside the front of the school.

Communication

Communication with parents is really important to us. We look forward to welcoming you into school for Meet the Teacher Meetings, Family Sharing

and other events which will be shared soon. 😊

Behaviour

Our Wraysbury values and ethos remain unchanged from the new policy we did last year, and children are expected to uphold them. We will be revisiting these with the children in the first couple of days and we will send them home for your child to share them with you.

School lunches.

We have a full school offer for hot lunches again provided by Caterlink with the normal payment arrangements via the online Scopay System. Year 3 parents should be aware that KS1 universal free school dinners do not apply in KS2 and that payment will be required in advance for all meals booked **(Please do not confuse this with Free School Meals for those on lower incomes, this remains in place).**

Codes for parents who have not set up online payments will come home from Thursday.

If parents are unsure about whether they are entitled to free school meals and whether they need to pay or not should contact the school office. We are aware that many families' situations have changed and therefore if you could now be entitled to free school meals and the pupil premium funding please contact the school office and we will support you with this or alternatively check on this website:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/rbwm/>

Packed lunches

Please ensure your child has a named packed lunch box, has all the cutlery they need and their meal is easy for them to manage on their own. They must be healthy - no sweets or chocolate please and of course we are a nut free school.

Availability of water on site

All pupils should have their own school water bottle. No water fountains are available at school. Water is available in school to refill children's own water bottles.

School uniform

It is an expectation that all children will wear the approved school uniform. We expect our children to take great pride in their school and this is reflected in the way they dress for school.

As we are an active school, we encourage the children to have their Wraysbury Primary PE uniform every day so they can join in all the physical activities in practical and comfortable clothing. Please ensure that they bring their PE kit in from Wednesday 5th and leave it in school.

New School Year!

We are all so excited about coming back and look forward to seeing you all. Do please keep an eye on the Twitter feed and on the Website in the next few days for any important information.

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