'Achieving Success Together'

Willowpark Primary Academy Newsletter

January 2021

Our Willowpark Academy Values;
RESPECTFUL | RESPONSIBLE | RESILIENT | SAFE

Our Curriculum drivers;
ENTERPRISE | SPORT | MUSIC | OUTDOOR LEARNING

Dear Parents and children,

Welcome to the January Newsletter

Well what a start to the term we have had!

Who would have thought we'd be back in lockdown again but here we are.

Firstly I would like to say a huge THANKYOU to all our families, parents and children for your patience, support and well wishes during this week as we have worked hard to transfer many of your children's learning online.

We know that this is trying and tricky time for many of our families and staff at school have been making contact with parents who might be struggling with home learning for whatever reason to see how we can help.

If you think this is you and you haven't spoken to us yet I would encourage you to phone the school office on 0161 359 5699, email us at teacherswp@willowparkacademy.org or message us on social media. We will pick up your message and a member of staff will contact you to discuss how we can help and support you.

Home-Learning - Seesaw

With some disruption to our normal schooling routine, our home-learning is now more important than ever. This is provided through Seesaw, purple mash and a combination of other platforms such as TT rockstars, Spelling Shed, Language Angels, MyOn (KS2) and bug club (EYFS/KS1) and Tapestry (EYFS).

Home learning is compulsory and there is an expectation that ALL children learning at home will complete the tasks being set by their teachers each day. Look out for some helpful video's on Facebook showing you different ways you can respond to your learning on seesaw later today. Staff in school will be monitoring engagement in home learning daily and will make contact with parents when we feel that their child isn't completing home learning or is struggling to do this well.

On a positive note…

We have seen our engagement Stats on Seesaw sky rocket this week, which means you are all doing an amazing job at home with home -learning and deserve a huge pat on the back! We are really 'Achieving Success Together'. Keep it up everyone – we will be sharing good examples of home learning on our social media sites daily!

Attendance face to face and home learners.

If your child has been offered a face to face teaching place (either because they are a key worker or vulnerable) we strongly encourage you to take the place. School is safe and we have a robust risk assessment in place to provide the maximum care and protection for pupils and staff in the building.

Children learning at home will be marked as X on the attendance register – this will not affect their attendance overall.

If you think your child could qualify for a key worker place or could fit the vulnerable criteria, please contact the school office to discuss this with us.

Free school meals

The Government have confirmed that children who are learning at home and entitled to Means-Tested Free School Meals will be entitled to receive a voucher as has been the case in the past. At the moment, we are awaiting further guidance about these and will be issuing them as soon as we can - we will contact parents of those children eligible once we have more information.

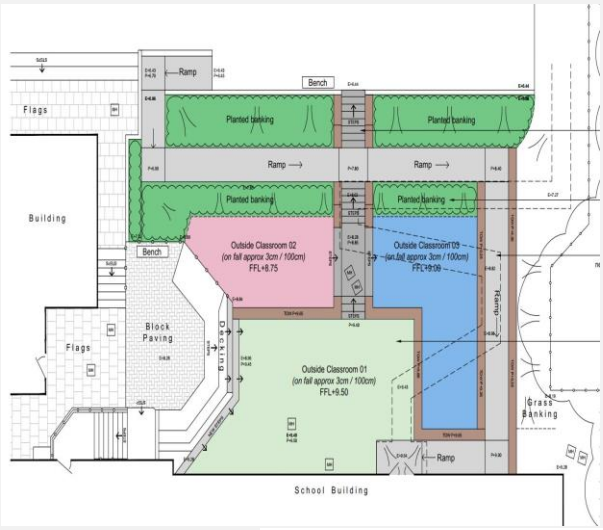
If your circumstances at home have changed since the last lockdown and you think you might now be eligible to claim Means tested Free school meals for your child (even if they already receive universal free school meals) please follow the link below to apply. Only parents who have claimed Means-Tested Free School meals are eligible to receive a voucher.

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200231/education_grants_and_allowances/161/free_school_meals

Free School Meals
Are you entitled?

Some Good News!

After many months in the planning I can confirm that building work on our Key Stage 2 Playground will commence on Monday 11th January. The works will see us revamp the hilly area to the side of the playground leading to the building with a more useable and creative space for children to access during break/lunch times. The project is expected to last between 5-6 weeks and we will post regular updates on our social media pages to keep you informed of progress – we can't wait!



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Have a Great Week! ☺