Willowpark Primary Academy Newsletter Summer 2020

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RESPECTFUL | RESPONSIBLE | RESILIENT | SAFE

Our Curriculum drivers;
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Dear Parents and children,

We are very much looking forward to September 2020 and welcoming back children in all our classes, including our new starters in Pre-school, Nursery and Reception Class.

We are aware that some parents may be feel nervous or anxious about their child/ren returning to school but we would like to reassure parents that we have a rigourous and robust risk assessment in place to ensure that children, staff and parents can feel as confident as possible that school is as safe as it can be for the return of all our children. *The Risk Assessment will be availble to view on our website in the coming days*

What will September look like?

The Academy will be keeping the one way system in place for the Autumn term and we will review this periodically as we gain updated guidance from local and National Government. Staff will be available on the one-way system to provide assistance to parents that haven't used it before.

Parents are asked to ensure that only one parent comes to bring their child to school to reduce the number of people on the school site at any one time.

Children will be dropped off at their new classroom doors. These doors are labelled. Parents are asked to bring their child/ren to the classroom at their designated start time and drop them off. Whilst we know its often tempting to have a chat with the teacher at this time, we are asking parents not to stand talking to the teacher/staff in their child's class as this will block the one-way system – if you need to speak to your child's teacher, please ring the academy office to book an appointment or speak to them on the phone.

Children will be taught in year group pods and will not mix with children from other classes throughout the day. Each class will have designated playtimes/lunchtimes and other curriculum activities such as PE slots.

Children will eat their lunches in the classrooms before having some time outside to play and socialize with their classmates – classes will not mix on the playgrounds.

At the end of the day, pick up times for different classes will be staggered to reduce the number of parents accessing the site at any one time. If you have children in multiple year groups, there will be some flexibility around collection times so avoid you having to wait around to pick up – children will leave through their classroom doors too.

Start time, finish times and drop off points -

Yr group	Start time	Where	Finish time
Pre School	**AM** - 8.45am	Pre School door	AM – 11:45am
	PM – 12.30pm	Pre School door	PM – 3:30pm
Nursery	**AM** - 8.45am	Nursery door	AM – 11:45am
	PM – 12.30pm	Nursery door	PM – 3:30pm
Reception	8:45am	Reception playground	3:00pm
Year 1	8:45am	Year 1 Class door	3:00pm
Year 2	8:45am	Year 2 Class door	3:00pm
Year 3	8.55am	Main Entrance	3:15pm
Year 4	8.55am	Year 4 Class door	3:15pm
Year 5	8.55am	Main Entrance	3:15pm
Year 6	8.55am	Main Entrance	3:15pm

Attendance will once again become compulsory in September and ALL children are expected to return to school as normal. Parents are required to contact school should their child be ill or unable to attend school for any reason on 0161 359 5699

Children are required to attend in **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM** as listed in the Parent Handbook sent out with our end of year reports in July 2020. This includes black school shoes or plain black trainers with no coloured logos etc. We also expect Parents to send in a full PE kit with their child in September, which consists of plain black short/joggers and a plain black t-shirt and a suitable pair of trainers for outdoor use, in a suitable PE bag **These will be kept in school.**

ALL Children will also need a pair of pumps for indoor use at all times. – please see the parent handbook for further information. Parents are asked to only send essential items to school each day, i.e/ a coat when needed, lunchbox etc. Large backpacks are not to be brought as they take up lots of space and children won't need to bring lots of equipment to and from school.

Parents of children in morning pre-school/nursery, Reception, and Year 2 will need to send a change of clothing for Forest Schools, including a waterproof coat and wellies, every Monday.

The Academy will continue to update our social media over the Summer holidays and will send out reminders and any updated information/reminders for parents as we approach September. In the meantime, if you have any questions/queries, please do not hesistate to get in touch with us via the school office or email teacherswp@willowparkacademy.org

School Dinners

For parents information, the price of school dinners will increase to £2.30 from September. School dinners have not increased for the preivious two years and this increase brings us in line with the local authority. Payment for this will continue to be via ParentPay. If you would like your child to receive school dinners, please contact the school office to arrange this. Please note, we need at least 1 weeks notice before children change between packed lunches and school dinners.

Breakfast club plans

The Academy will still continue to offer a breakfast club provision for children in Reception to Year 6 from September. Children wanting to attend Breakfast Club should be dropped at their relevant classroom door (see table overleaf) from **8.30am** and will be provided with breakfast in their classrooms. Please note the time has changed slightly due to staffing issues with running breakfast club from classes rather than from the hall. This is to ensure we are able to distance classes as effectively as possible.

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Staffing update

We are really sorry to be saying goodbye to two members of staff this year. Firstly, Miss Doyle will be leaving us to move to a new school and we know she will continue to be an amazing teacher and we all wish her well. Secondly, we have to say goodbye to Ms. Flannery, who is retiring this summer. We will miss you both lots and wish you well with your future plans. We are very excited to announce that we have two new teachers joining us– Miss. Baines in Year 2 and Mrs. Symes-Thompson in Year 3 – we can't wait for them to join our team from September.