



Welcome Back Newsletter

2nd September 2020

We hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for the start of the new school year.

School reopens to all pupils on Thursday 3rd September 2020.

We have been working hard to follow Government guidance to ensure school is ready to safely welcome everyone back. Thank you for your continued support to help us keep the whole school community as safe as possible. We still need you to continue with social distancing and following all COVID guidance.

PLEASE READ THIS NEWSLETTER CAREFULLY AS IT CONTAINS A LOT OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT HOW WE WILL INITIALLY OPERATE THIS TERM.

The Government guidance for schools indicates that our 'essential' measures include:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable.

We have included all these measures within our COVID risk assessments and ask you support us with these measures to keep our school and community COVID free.

Our Risk assessments are available on the school website. Please familiarise yourself with these as some of our processes and procedures have changed. Please note risk assessments and processes will change as required in line with the guidance we receive.

Face Coverings

All parents/carers **must** wear a face covering if they come onto the school premises to drop/collect their child. Only 1 adult per child please.

A face covering is also required if you need to come into the entrance to speak with office staff.

PLEASE DO NOT COME ONTO THE SCHOOL PREMISES WITHOUT A FACE COVERING.

Temporary Start & End of School Day

You **MUST** use your allotted time slot to help us maintain social distancing.

Please keep 2 meters apart when dropping off and picking up from school.

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time	Drop off & Pick up from
Reception:	See individual information sent in July.		Key Stage 1 Playground
Year 1 (including Mrs. Airey's class)	9.00am to 9.10am	3.15pm	Classroom doors
Year 2	8.45am to 8.55am	3.00pm	Classroom doors
Year 3	9.00am to 9.10am	3.15pm	Classroom doors
Year 4	8.45am to 8.55am	3.00pm	ASDA gates
Year 5	9.00am to 9.10am	3.15pm	ASDA gates
Year 6	8.45am to 8.55am	3.00pm	Y6 front gates

Please see out detailed guide for which entrance for your child's classroom

Attendance

Attendance at school becomes statutory again from 1st September 2020 meaning **ALL** children must attend school every day. Our usual attendance procedures will be applied.

Please contact the office on the first day of absence by 9.00a.m. to inform us of the reason for absence.

Walking Home

Year 6 pupils will be allowed to walk to and from school on their own if this is something parents/carers want their child to do.

In order for us to safeguard our pupils we **must** have written permission to walk home alone. Please email admin@whinfield.net

Mobile phones

Mobile phones are not routinely allowed in school. However, if your child is walking home alone they are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school. It will be locked in a phone locker as they enter school and collected on the way out of school.

Book Bags

Book bags are not needed in school for the first few weeks.

Once the children are settled back into daily routines we will inform you of any changes.

Please return any reading books you have at home.

What your child needs to bring to school with them

- Coat
- Water Bottle
- Packed Lunch if needed
- Glasses if worn
- Sun hat if weather hot

Reception pupils only - a change of clothes if required and a pair of wellies to leave in school.

ALL NAMED.

Please only send essential items to school

Packed Lunch

If your child brings a packed lunch, please send this in a clearly **named** lunch box.

Lunch will be eaten in the school hall.

Water Bottles

Every child must bring a **named** water bottle for drinking fresh water throughout the day.

PE Lessons

We will be allowing all children to come to school on their PE day wearing their outdoor PE kit - they will therefore not wear their school uniform that day. This will reduce the need for getting changed and storing PE bags in school.

Please ensure your child has an outdoor kit: Black jogging bottoms, sweatshirt or track suit, red PE T-shirt, and trainers.

PE takes place twice each week.

Year Group	Class	PE Days - Kit to be worn to school.	
Reception	All Classes	Wednesday	
Year 1	1D-Miss Dunn	Monday	Tuesday
	1M-Mrs Murphy	Tuesday	Thursday
	1/2A-Mrs Airey	Monday	Thursday
Year 2	2G-Miss Graham	Monday	Tuesday
	2HP-Mrs Hall/ Mrs Paterson	Monday	Tuesday
Year 3	3V-Mrs Vinton	Tuesday	Friday
	3WH-Mrs Walker Hodgson	Thursday	Friday
	3O-Mrs O'Callaghan	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 4	4S-Mrs Souter	Wednesday	Friday
	4ND-Mrs Dunn	Tuesday	Friday
	4D-Mr Douglas	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 5	5L-Mr Legg	Wednesday	Friday
	5R-Mrs Richardson	Monday	Wednesday
	5B-Mrs Barker Jones / Mrs Bowe	Monday	Friday
Year 6	6B-Mrs Boulton	Thursday	Friday
	6C-Mrs Close	Monday	Friday
	6W-Miss Watkins	Monday	Thursday

Childcare

Childcare will start from Monday 7th September 2020. We will send more information out by the end of this week.

PE Bags

PE bags are not needed in school as the children will wear their PE kit on the days they have PE.

PE starts Thursday 3rd September.

Bikes & Scooters

We appreciate many pupils like to ride bikes and scooters to school.

However, please Do Not bring them until further notice.

Fruit

Fruit will be provided as normal for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 through the Government fruit scheme.

Key Stage 2 pupils can bring a piece of fruit for break time if they wish.

Symptoms/potential cases of COVID-19:

It is ESSENTIAL that any child, staff member or person who is feeling unwell MUST NOT come into school.

If your child (or member of the household) displays any of the recognised symptoms of COVID-19 they should not be sent to school and you should arrange a test as soon as possible. We cannot stress enough how important this is to protect our whole community. If in doubt get a test, do not take a chance.

- **New persistent cough**
- **High temperature**
- **Loss of taste or smell**

If a child exhibits these symptoms in school, they will be immediately isolated, and you will be contacted to come and collect your child. We will expect that a test will be arranged to confirm the symptom.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>