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Welcome Back Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your children back to school for the new academic year and hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays.

School will reopen for children on **Monday 5th September 2022.**

You **MUST** come at your allotted time and enter school via your allocated entrance.

Start & End of School Day

Timetable 2022 - 2023

Year group	Start time	End of day	Drop off and pick up from
Reception	8.45a.m.	3.05p.m.	Key stage 1 playground
Year 1	8.50a.m.	3.10p.m.	Classroom doors
Year 2	8.45a.m.	3.05p.m.	Classroom doors
Year 3	8.50a.m.	3.10p.m.	Classroom doors
Year 4	8.50a.m.	3.10p.m.	Asda Gates
Year 5	8.45a.m.	3.05p.m.	Asda Gates
Year 6	8.45a.m.	3.05p.m.	Y6 front gates

Doors will remain open for 5 minutes.

Attendance

Attendance is statutory and therefore all children need to be in school every day. Please ensure children are at school on time and ready to start the school day.

If your child has a medical/ dental appointment, please inform the school office in advance and provide proof of the appointment.

Your child's attendance at school is vital to give them the best possible chance of success.

If your child is unwell and will be absent from school, please inform the school office before 9am with the reason for absence.

Holidays taken during term time cannot and will not be authorised, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Our curriculum is cumulative, each day builds upon the previous one, a child missing numerous days will find it very difficult to catch up.





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P.E Days

P.E bags are not needed in school as the children will wear their P.E kit on the days they have PE. P.E kit is black shorts, red t-shirt and trainers for indoors and plain black jogging bottoms, red or black hoodie and trainers for outdoors.

PE starts Monday 5th September.

	PE Days	PE days
Reception		
RN	Monday	
RL	Monday	
Year 1		
1HR	Monday	Wednesday
1D	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 2		
2A	Tuesday	Friday
2G	Monday	Tuesday
2M	Monday	Wednesday
Year 3		
3WH	Tuesday	Friday
3D	Tuesday	Thursday
3B	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 4		
4G	Tuesday	Thursday
4S	Wednesday	Friday
4L	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 5		
5B	Wednesday	Friday
5H	Wednesday	Friday
5DB	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 6		
6AB	Thursday	Friday
6W	Monday	Thursday
6C	Monday	Friday

School expectation is that all children will wear the school P.E kit.





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Childcare from Monday 5th September 2022

Childcare will be available from Monday 5th September for Years 1 to 6 and from Monday 12th September for children in Reception. Bookings will continue to be made 7 days in advance using School Gateway. Breakfast club will cost £2.30 and will open at 7:30am. Afterschool club will cost £10.00 and will close at 6.00pm.

All children must be dropped off and collected by an adult and signed in and out at the door.

Once you have booked please check your booked sessions to ensure that you have booked and paid for all of the sessions you require. We are unable to book any late sessions, rearrange sessions or accept children who are not booked in. If you are unable to book it is likely that it is because the session is full or out of the 7 days' notice. Please **DO NOT** just turn up as your child may be turned away due to staffing ratio's. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bikes and Scooters

We appreciate many pupils like to ride bikes and scooters to school. We are currently in the process of purchasing and installing new bike storage. Once the children are settled back into daily routines we will inform you when bikes and scooters can be brought to school.

School bags / Uniform

The school uniform is red, white and grey:

Winter:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan with or without school logo (hoodies are for PE only)
- White shirt or white polo shirt with or without school logo
- Plain grey skirt (knee length) / pinafore or trousers
- Red Fleece can be worn in addition to sweatshirt Autumn / Winter 2022/23 as guidance requires windows to be open to provide good ventilation in all classrooms.

Summer:

- Red sweatshirt, cardigan or pullover with or without school logo (hoodies are for PE only)
- White shirt or white polo shirt with or without school logo
- Plain grey skirt (knee length) / pinafore or trousers / shorts
- Red and white checked dress
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Footwear

- Plain tights / socks
- Sensible black shoes without heels - no training shoes/black training shoes or logos
- Summer - plain flat sandals with a back support may be worn - white, black or red
- Winter - Wellingtons or plain boots may be worn but should be changed to indoor shoes
- Children may bring trainers into school for the days they participate in the 'Active mile'





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Uniform Suppliers

- [ALR Embroidery](#) in Thompson Street, Darlington can provide all uniform with logo. Alternatively uniform can be bought without the logo from any uniform reseller such as a supermarket.
- ALR will embroider on uniform purchased elsewhere for a small fee.

Jewellery

Please note that no jewellery of any kind allowed to be worn in school.

School Meals

School Meals: If your child is moving from Year 2 to Year 3, please be aware that school meals will become payable in September (unless your child is entitled to a means tested free school meal).

From Monday 5th September School Meals will be provided by Chartwells as we are changing provider. The cost will increase to £2.25 per day which is £11.25 per week and payable in advance through our online payment system School Gateway APP or website. If you think that your child is eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office to request an application form. **You should now have received the online form to complete if you wish to change your child's meal pattern. Please complete this before Monday 5th September.**

Walking home

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

In order for us to safeguard our pupils we must have written permissions if you wish your child to walk home alone.

Please email admin@whinfield.net to inform us you child has permission to walk home alone if you have not already done so.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones are not routinely allowed in school. However, if you child is walking home alone, they are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school which must be switched off at the gate. It will be locked in a phone locker when they enter school and collected on the way out of school.

Diary Dates

Please check the school website for important dates for your diary. More information will be provided on weekly Newsletters nearer to the time of each event.

<https://whinfield.net/calendar/action~month>





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Active Mile

We will continue with the 'active mile' in school this year.

Your child's year group will be completing their 'active mile' on an allocated day each week. Our active mile will help your child to achieve their '60 active' minutes a day, recommended by the Government. We will begin by seeing how far the children can get round the course in 10 minutes by walking, jogging or even skipping! Your child will set their own target to try and improve each week.

Your child can complete their 'active mile' exercise in their uniform and flat, sensible school shoes. If you and your child would prefer, on their 'Active Mile' day they can bring their trainers in a separate bag to wear.

Year Group	Day
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Monday
Year 6	Wednesday

