

Update 2 – 14/8/20

Connecting Home and School

Children learn best and are happiest at school when there is a strong, positive connection between home and school. In West Winds we strive to make this a reality. Due to Covid-19, how we do this may look different to how we have done it before. As always, the welfare of our children and staff remains our first priority. Additional updates are provided on Health and Hygiene and on the School Day.

	Notes
Bringing items to school	<p>In line with guidance from DE, we are reducing the amount of items that children bring to school. At this stage, children should not bring school bags or stationery from home. All learning materials required will be provided in school for children.</p> <p>Lunch boxes and containers may be brought in, but should be wiped down each day before coming to school. A healthy break should be brought each day. Water will be provided to children so water bottles should not be brought to school.</p> <p>Paid school meals will not be available until <i>Monday 5th October</i>. This is to allow us to trial new school meal arrangements and reduce cash coming into school. Those eligible for Free School Meals will receive a packed lunch, brought to their classroom.</p> <p>School uniform will be worn as normal. PE kits will be required as normal, but will stay in school until the half-term holidays, when they will be sent home to be washed. Please provide a pair of PE shoes suitable for outdoor PE as part of the PE kit.</p> <p>As we anticipate more outdoor learning taking place, please make sure your child has a warm, waterproof coat each day in school. Children in Nursery and P1&2 should also bring a pair of wellies to stay in school.</p>
Morning drop off	<p>We would ask parents to make an extra effort to be punctual when leaving and collecting their children.</p> <p>School doors will open at 8.45am. The official school day starts at 8.55am Nursery Parents bring children to the Nursery door P1 Enter by Front Door P2 Enter by Front Door P3 – 7 Parents drop children at double green gate at end of driveway. Children follow signs to their classroom. LSC Children will leave and enter the building via the Front Door</p> <p>Staff will be outside in order to provide guidance and reassurance. Please follow their advice.</p> <p>The school site will be closed to traffic at the beginning and end of the school day. A one-way system for pedestrians will be in operation, down the main school drive. For safety reasons, <u>access to the site will only be through the main gate.</u></p> <p>Due to the closure of the school site, we expect the entrance area to the school on Sunderland Park to be more congested than normal. Parents are encouraged to avoid driving up to this entrance area in front of the main gates. Other options include, walking/ cycling/ scooting from home, or parking further from school and walking the last part.</p> <p>Parents are asked to remember social distancing protocols when on the school grounds and to arrive and leave promptly.</p>

Afternoon pick up	<p>Please note finishing times below. This is to reduce the number of people on the school site.</p> <p>Nursery Children should be collected from the Nursery door between 1.15 and 1.30pm.</p> <p>P1 1.50pm Children will exit the building via the Front Door. Parents should collect children from the double green gates at the end of the driveway.</p> <p>P2 1.50pm Children will exit the building via the Front Door. Parents should collect children from the double green gates at the end of the driveway</p> <p>P3 2.00pm Parents should collect children from the double green gates at the end of the driveway.</p> <p>P4/P5 2.50pm Children will leave by the double green gates at the end of the driveway.</p> <p>P6/P7 3.00pm Children will leave by the double green gates at the end of the driveway.</p> <p>LSC Children will leave and enter the building via the Front Door</p>
Homework	Homework will not commence until the 21 st September. Further advice will be issued closer to the time. At this stage, we do not envisage that homework materials will travel back and forth between school so are exploring other alternatives.
Communication	As much as possible, we will reduce the amount of paper notes and forms being sent home. The school website, alongside SeeSaw, will provide information as required. The school text messaging service will also be used – please ensure that school has the correct mobile numbers and email addresses in order that you can receive information. Information about SeeSaw will be provided in the coming weeks.
Visitors to school	In line with DE/ PHA guidance we will be discouraging visitors to school. We will also seek to reduce the number of people on the school site. We still welcome contact with parents, so would ask if you want to make contact, please phone or email the school office, who will pass your message along. Contact details listed below.
Breakfast Club/ After schools	Due to the protective bubble approach, we will not initially be offering Breakfast Club or any after school activities in the Autumn term. We will inform parents if this situation should change.
Parent consultations	<p>At this stage, we are not planning on holding parent consultations and meetings in the Autumn term. We will communicate alternative arrangements for this early in the Autumn term.</p> <p>In the meantime, if you wish to speak to your child’s teacher, please make contact through the office.</p>

If you wish to discuss anything further in this update, please contact:

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We’re looking forward to seeing children and families again!

Many thanks

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