

What is Going On at Warstones!

13.9.21



WELCOME BACK!

Things are **almost** back to normal!
Well done certificate, visitors to school adding to the breadth and enjoyment of our curriculum—what a joy!



It is wonderful to see all the children coming in to school together now and the strict bubbles finally relaxing. However we are still carrying on with our hygiene precautions at school—extra cleaning, regular handwashing, social distancing reminders, good ventilation and not sharing equipment across year groups and in class where possible. Although children are deemed less likely to be affected, staff are, so we are maintaining a mask rule when speaking with parents and when standing on the doors and gates. Please do respect their safety as well as your own and keep a distance from each other, particularly when on the school playgrounds or walking round the one way system. In the morning, we still need EY/KS1 parents to walk round school but as Reception children are last in and the KS2 playground gate has to be locked, they should turn back to the front of school. Please can everyone leave through the car park gate, not down the KS2 footpath.

I do appreciate that it is very difficult to avoid others when walking round past Y1 and Y2 as the path is so narrow. To ease congestion, we will stick with the 10 minute slot to pick your child up in so you don't have to arrive exactly at 3.10pm. Teachers will be there to release children between 3.10-3.20pm. Likewise, if you are then collecting from KS2 on the way round, teachers will be there till 3.25pm with their class. Please be patient and kind—it will become easier and less stressful.

It is hard getting back into the swing of the daily routine, the first week is the worst! We are already experiencing a lot of children arriving late to school in the morning. We still have the 10 minute slot in that the gates for Y1-Y6, are open from 8.40-8.50am. Remember, KS2 can simply be dropped off at the gate to walk in by themselves between 8.40-8.50 while staff are there. If you are after that an adult will need to sign them in at the office.

If you know you are going to be late, please ring the office so they can arrange which door for your child to come in and ensure they are registered. At the end of the day, if you know you have been delayed, please ring and let us know so we can also reassure your child and arrange supervision for that one off occasion. **Please be aware** though, that if we do not hear from you or if you are regularly late coming to pick up, children will be taken to the After School Club so they are safe and supervised, which will incur a charge. Staff have meetings and directed work after 3.30pm and unfortunately can not regularly spend time supervising children who haven't been collected.

COVID19

The new COVID19 guidance for schools, means that we will no longer be sending children home if there has been a positive case in their class. NHS Track and Trace will contact you if they feel your child has been in contact with someone who tested positive and will encourage you to take your child for a PCR test. As long as they are not showing any signs of ill health or Covid symptoms they can continue to come to school. *However, the LA Public Health team have advised we continue with the following procedures. If your child has any new health issue (illness, not accident), or the normal COVID symptoms—a temperature, new continuous cough, loss of taste and smell),*

*You are strongly encouraged to arrange for a PCR test for your child and they **should not return to school unless the test is negative AND they are well.***

If the test is positive**, you should follow the recommendations of the NHS Track and Trace and **not come to school until you are advised it is safe to do so.

***If the test is negative** they can return to school **when they are well again** (48 hour rule from last bout of sickness and/or diarrhea).*

If no PCR test is taken**, the child can only return to school once they have been **well for 48 HOURS.

Thank you for your help with this!

A notice from our catering suppliers: Shires

Food Delivery Issues

I'm sure you have seen in the news in recent months, information regarding the shortage in HGV drivers and the effect on food supply around the UK. The impact of the driver shortages is effecting Shire Services and our food supply chain. Attached to this email is a document from Bidfood our main food supplier, explaining the challenges of food supply and the methods they are using to mitigate as many incidents of low stocks as possible. Our kitchens are being informed that their delivery ordering day is changing to allow Bidfood more time to source goods ready for deliveries, as an example, if a delivery is due to school on a Friday, they are to place the order on a Wednesday, this gives Bidfood extra time to move stocks from other depots to accommodate any stock shortages within the depots the schools are usually serviced from.

Even with lots of planning and stock movement, it is inevitable that some items will not be delivered to schools. With this in mind, some last minute menu changes might take place for your school, due to reduced stock levels or no deliveries received.

Firm menu plans will be shared as soon as possible.

General Start of School Reminders

Everyone has come back to school looking so smart!! We want to make sure new uniform does not get lost so please check everything is named so we can return any lost items to their rightful owners.

PE kit should be a white T shirt and black shorts. A plain black or green tracksuit can be worn over the top for coming to and from school or for games outside. Please remember they can come to school in their kit on PE days. However, for after school clubs—KS2 netball and football, they need to bring their kit to change into please. Football kit especially tends to get very muddy so they can bring different football kit for this.

We are still having to maintain some Covid restrictions in school. Children do need a named water bottle as we can not share cups in classrooms. Also if they wish to bring in their own pencil cases they can but should not share them. Please can no toys be brought in as these do tend to get shared around or lost and broken. We need to keep items to a minimum in school. If your child has been advised to have a tactile object for concentration, this should have been agreed with our SENCO, Mrs Bayliss, as part of their ILP.

Thank you.



Letters have gone home in the designated year groups, concerning music lessons in school. Please do let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in Rocksteady or the instrumental lessons with the Music Service.

Mrs Hartshorn will be starting the KS2 choir soon as well. They will be taking part in the big 'Young Voices' events in Birmingham next January. Exciting times!!!

The Government have announced an additional Bank Holiday in 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As it falls on Friday June 3rd, we are already on statutory half term holiday. As employees are entitled to the Bank Holiday as an extra day, the council have changed the end of the school year to **Thursday 21st July**.



Please remember we are a cash-less school and all payments should be made through the SIMS Pay app. If you are struggling to make it work, there are some hints on the web page, or phone the office for help. If you do not have the facility to pay this way, do speak with the office to obtain a QR code to pay at the Post Office.

LFT Distribution Hub Feed your Pack Food Share Uniform Books
Don't forget Monday and Friday 2.30-3.30pm

You can come and pick up boxes of LFT tests, fill a bag of food for your family, ask for some uniform or even pick up a book for your own well being!

Our staff have the right to be treated with dignity and respect at all times.

They should be able to do their jobs without being physically or verbally abused. Most people respect this and we thank you. We do want to work with you to resolve any concern and ask that you email the school to arrange a meeting so we discuss the issue calmly and to look for a mutual understanding and resolution.

Please do not speak to staff in anger on the phone or at the classroom door/office or send aggressive e mails.



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Have you seen our new webpage? www.warstonesprimary.uk —some pages are still being built but it is looking good!