

What is Going On at Warstones!

7.9.2020

Well done Everyone! The start and finish of the school day is becoming calmer and more relaxed every day. Thank you so much for following the guidance and having patience while we get everyone in safely. I know we have some families who are very anxious at these times and we need to keep the area as safe as possible, not just for our families, but for other people walking past the school at this time.

We have made changes to try and make things easier especially for families with siblings:

- Do remember if you have a child starting in Early Years (TW, Nursery or Reception) you can bring older siblings to the KS2 gate at the same time as you are bring the EY child or KS1 children can be left with the teacher outside SNEY and we will take them into school through the hall. **They will not be seen as late.** This is to avoid you having to wait with your EY child till the much later time.
- At the end of the day we are aiming to bring EY children with siblings in Y1 and Y2 to the class of the older child so they can be dismissed together. This does lose a little bit of time for the EY child but avoids you having to wait. If you would rather not do this, please let us know but be advised that you can not wait on the footpath till the EY child finishes, you will have to come back later.
- If you are picking up KS2 children from the playground before EY children, you can take the short cut across the front of school rather than out the car park gate and round.
- At the end of the day, **all KS2 children will be dismissed onto the playground** (inc Y3 and Y6 who we had planned to come out the FaF door originally) . This means all parents who come to pick up KS2 can wait in the playground and remain socially distanced. We have signs up to indicate where year group parents should wait to avoid children having to wander through different parents to find you.
- A reminder that there is a **10 min slot for arriving in the mornings so there is no need for any parents to arrive before their time to queue.** If you have children going in at 8.35 and 8.45, we suggest you arrive as close to 8.45 as possible so the earlier child can enter on time and you are not having to wait long for the next child to go in.
- We must try and avoid groups of people collecting at the gates to support social distancing. We have put some white dots on the railings to support this. If you do find you have to wait, **please use the dots to queue at a safe distance and stay on the school side of the path** so that we have a clear pavement for people to walk past.
- **Once you have dropped off your child please do move on** and not stand around to talk to other parents. It is nice to catch up but please move away from the school entrances if you wish to do this as it does block the paths for others arriving.
- If you have children **only in Y2,3 or 4**, please arrive **during the time slots** at the start *and end of the day*, not before.
- **Everyone should exit through the car park gate. There is no entry through this gate when coming to pick up children at the end of the day.**
- **Whatever we do, there is always the risk of people getting too close together especially along the narrow footpath around KS1. Please do consider wearing a mask if coming on to the school site for your protection and for the safety of others.**

You have fabulous children!

Children have come back to school in such good spirits, happy and eager to learn. It is clear that you have all done so much to help them cope with lockdown and they are an absolute credit to you!

As I mentioned last week, we will be doing work in school to try and identify any children who may be needing additional well-being support over the next couple of weeks and also sending a questionnaire for parents at home too. Please do get in touch with us if you have any concerns, if children have come home worried since coming back or if there have been any issues over the lockdown period you feel it would help us to know about.

Your child and your family welfare are so important if we are going to help your child settle back with confidence. *(Immediate concerns, please let Mrs Brown or Mrs Gleeson know).*

Please can we remind everyone that we only have water in water bottles, not juice or squash. Thank you.

Lunchtimes

Unfortunately, the ordering system and the caterers are not ready yet to provide hot dinners this week but this should be in place from next week. The updated menu is on the webpage so you can start to look at what is being offered and plan what you wish to order. So for now, all the school dinner provision will continue to be a grab bag with a choice of tuna, cheese or ham sandwiches. All Reception and KS1 are entitled to a free school dinner. Please do consider this as an option if you currently send in a packed lunch.

There has been a concern raised regarding the length of time children have to eat lunch. Year groups are staggered so as not to break into another bubble so there is a tight timetable for lunch. However, in KS1 children have half an hour scheduled to eat and in KS2, 20 minutes. Slower eaters may be moved on to another table to allow for a new bubble to start coming in to give them time to finish if needed.

The Autumn Term Cold!

Every year, children catch colds and will have sore throats and ear infections. This doesn't mean they have the virus! If they are unwell, please let us know and keep them off school until they are well as you would normally.

However, if your child shows symptoms of any of the following: a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss / change of smell or taste; then the most recent guidance must be followed:

- Inform school and self isolation for **10 days immediately**
- **Household members of the symptomatic person should also self isolate immediately for 14 days (including siblings)**
- Arrange for a Covid test by phoning the national 119 number or our local Wolverhampton number 01902 290244.
- Inform school of the outcome of the test.

If the test is negative, please send a screenshot or show the Office team the text confirming this to be able to bring your child back to school.

If you think your child does have symptoms of the virus as described and you keep them off school because of this, then you must either have a test and await the outcome or stay away from school for 10 days before your child can return.

They can not return the next day or in a couple of days if you think they no longer are ill. If they have had virus symptoms it must be treated as such.

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PE kits (a reminder of days for each year group as to when to wear your kit to school).

Autumn 1 (starting wk.bg. 7th September)

Class	Indoor PE	Games	Class	Indoor PE	Games
Reception	Thursday (indoor or outdoor dependant on weather)		3EM 3RF	Friday Thursday	Wednesday Wednesday
1JL 1EW	Monday Tuesday	Friday Friday	Year 4	Thursday	<i>Next half term</i>
2AS 2CW	Wednesday Thursday	<i>Next half term</i>	Year 5	Tuesday	Friday
			Year 6	Monday	<i>Next half term</i>