

6th September 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Re: Back To School Information

We hope you had an enjoyable summer break. It was great to welcome you all back to school this week. We are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead filled with great learning and opportunities for everyone.

There have been some changes to classrooms made over the summer and Years 1 and 3 have switched rooms.

To continue to make the transitions easier in the playground, start and end times will remain the same and the gate will be open from 8:30am- 8:45am. If your child is in Nursery or Reception you may have been informed of different arrangements for the first few days or weeks and should follow that guidance.

The arrangements for the year are as follows:

Start of the Day

- **School starts at 8:30am-** we will continue to have a soft start in the mornings, where children go straight into their classroom to start an Early Morning Work activity. The playground gates will open at 8:30am and **close promptly at 8:45am**. Any pupil who arrives after this time will be marked as late and they should enter through the school office. Lateness will affect your child's attendance so it is important that they arrive at school on time.
- Only parents of children in EYFS and Year 1 (at the beginning of this half term) should take their child to their classroom door in the morning. All other children can walk independently from the gate. Children with additional needs may have individual arrangements.
- All pupils will enter through the playground gate near the bridge.

End of the Day

- Morning Nursery pupils will be collected from their classroom at 11:30am. Parents should enter through the gate by the school office.
- Children in Nursery and Reception will be collected from their classrooms at 3pm.
- Pupils in **Years 1, 2 and 3 will be collected from the doors near to their classrooms at 3pm.**
- Pupils in **Years 4, 5 and 6 will be collected at 3:10pm.**
- When collecting your child, please wait for the teacher to see you and call the child to dismiss them. Our priority is to make sure each child is dismissed safely. **If another parent or family member is collecting your child, please ensure the School Office have been notified by 2pm on the day so they are able to pass the message on to the class teacher with plenty of notice. If school is not aware of any change, we will not send your child home until we have spoken to you for confirmation. The person collecting your child will then have to wait until this is done.**

Key Information

- If you would like your child to attend the after school club or breakfast club, you can now book this on the app, which will prompt you to pay for all sessions in advance. Breakfast club sessions cost £3 each and After School Club costs £9. Please ask at the School Office for more information.
- Mr Grant is currently unwell and we are therefore unable to offer extracurricular sports clubs until he returns. PE lessons will be taught by class teachers.
- A reminder of our school uniform details. **Black school shoes must be worn at all times except during PE:** <https://www.woodlands.ealing.sch.uk/about-us/the-school-day/>
- **On PE days, your child must come to school in their PE kit.** The PE timetable is below:

PE timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Year 6 (Swimming) 9:00- 12:15		Year 4 9:00-10:00	Year 5 9:30 -10:15
Year 1 2:00-3:00 Year 4 2:15-3:00	Year 2 1:00-2:00 Year 3 1:00-2:00	Year 1 2:00- 2:45	Year 5 2:00-3:00 Year 2 2:00-2:50	Year 3 1:30-2:15 Year 6 2:00- 3:00

- Year 6 will be swimming this term. They will be attending Northolt Pool every Tuesday morning, travelling by bus.
- **If your child has any new medical needs, please can you share this information with the School Office as soon as possible.**
- **Any child who has Asthma needs to have their inhalers in school regardless of how often they are used.**
- At Woodlands we offer healthy and balanced hot school lunches. The menu from last term is continuing until October, when new menus will be issued. **As a healthy school, we do not allow unhealthy items in packed lunches (apart from one treat on a Friday). All hot school lunches are balanced and healthy.**
- **All children are now entitled to a free school lunch every day. We would like to encourage everyone to take up this great offer.**
- Library - During the first few weeks the library will be set up again for the new term. We hope to send books home in the next few weeks with information on how books will be borrowed and returned from the school library.
- School equipment - children will be provided with their own resources to use at school. Each child has their own 'sack' on their chair where they can keep their resources neatly organised. **Children do not need to bring pencil cases or anything extra into school. These will be sent home if brought in.**

Parents/Visitors

- In the mornings, parents will be unable to talk to their child's class teacher as they will be in class teaching the children during the soft start. You can send an email to the class email address or via the office email address.
- **At the end of the day, parents may be able to talk to their child's class teacher should they need to do so, but we kindly request that you wait until all the children are dismissed safely before**

approaching the teacher. If the teacher is not available on the day, you can make an appointment with your child's class teacher through the school office.

We are planning to hold **curriculum meetings** for each year group from Monday 16th September. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, learn about the topics they will be covering this year and familiarise yourself with the expectations and routines for their year group.

The sessions will be held straight after school and your children are welcome to attend with you. Dates for each class are listed in the table below:

Monday 16th September	Year 6
Tuesday 17th September	Year 5
Wednesday 18th September	Year 4
Thursday 19th September	Year 2
Friday 20th September	Reception
Monday 23rd September	Year 3
Tuesday 24th September	Year 1

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours Sincerely,

Ms C Hasker
Headteacher