

Water Primary School

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RE: New School Year Provision

Dear Parents/carers,

As we approach the start of the new school year we would like to provide some details of new procedures that we have put in place for the safe return of our pupils.

Staggered Start and Finish Times

As you have been previously made aware, to support the safety of the pupils and staff at Water Primary School we have introduced staggered start and finish times. From 2nd September the following start and finish times will apply:

Acorn Class 8:50am start and 3:00pm finish (For the first two weeks see separate letter)

Willow Class 8:50am start and 3:00pm finish

Hazel Class 9:00am start and 3:10pm finish

Maple Class 9:00am start and 3:10pm finish

Blossom Class 9:10am start and 3:25pm finish

Sequoia Class 9:10am start and 3:25pm finish

Please do not arrive at school earlier or later than the year group times stated, as this will compromise the year group bubbles and have an impact on parent's ability to socially distance whilst dropping off and picking up.

For those families who have siblings that start at different times, there will be Breakfast Club and After School Club provision which should be used in the first instance but if this is not an option, we do have some limited capacity to support dropping off all siblings at the same time but this will have to be pre-arranged with the school office.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Due to the current government restrictions we do not have capacity to run breakfast and afterschool clubs within school and still protect our year group bubbles. We have been working hard over the summer to provide a safe solution to support



our working parents. We are pleased to announce that we can provide Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club provision run by the school at Lumb Baptist Church. This location provides adequate space for us to segregate the year groups whilst providing quality childcare. We will also provide a safe "walking bus" to get the children from Lumb to Water using Water Primary School staff. Breakfast Club will run from 7:45am and will include breakfast. After school club will run until 5:30pm and will include a small meal. The prices for these sessions are £5 and £8.50 respectively and reflect the additional cost of providing this service under the current circumstances. There are limited places on these clubs and all sessions have to be booked in advance. If you would like to secure a place on any of the wraparound care sessions, please email Bursar@water.lancs.sch.uk or call the school office.

Dedicated Entrances and Exits

In addition to the staggered start and finish times, from 2nd September, we will also be adopting dedicated exits and entrances. These entrances and exits are as follows:

Acorn & Willow Classes will enter school via the main gate and form a socially distanced queue along the yard perimeters (see yellow hearts distance markers). Left perimeter for Acorns and right-hand side for Willow Class. The children will enter school via the individual classroom doors. Please release your child into our care at the fence boundary.

Hazel Class have the addition of an external door onto the KS2 yard this year. Please enter the school via the right-hand side of the minibus entrance and form a socially distanced queue around the perimeter of the yard. Please release your child into our care at the bottom of the steps.

Maple Class children will enter the school via the left hand-side of the minibus entrance and will enter school via the minibus door.

Blossom Class children will enter school via the main gate and form a queue along the perimeter fence towards the old Afterschool Club Entrance.

Sequoia Class will enter school via the minibus gates and form a queue long the left-hand side towards the minibus door.

Please can we ask that only 1 parent per family drops off and picks up and that once children have been dropped off safely parents leave school promptly. Our risk assessment does not allow parents into school. If you need to contact the class teacher or the school office, please use class dojo or email bursar@water.lancs.sch.uk or call 01706216414.

School Lunches and Snacks

We have managed to arrange for warm meals to be served in each of the classrooms. The full menu will be available from 2nd September. Please login to your parentpay account to pre-book lunches. Just a reminder that all children in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) will still be entitled to universal free school meals. Children in Year 3 and above will be charged at £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week. If your circumstances have changed due to the global pandemic, please contact the school office to discuss how you can apply for Free School Meals. If this allowance is granted to you may also be able to get help with the cost of PE kit and school trips.



Snacks will start again on Monday 7th September. If you would like your child to have a snack at morning break please make a payment via parentpay.

Uniform and PE kits

We have had notification from Surridge and School trends that COVID-19 restrictions are adding a delay into the delivery process for all uniform and sports kit. There will be no PE lessons during the first week of school so hopefully they will be able to clear the backlog in time.

To increase the space within our corridors we ask that your child does not bring a bag to school during these first few weeks. We will provide stationary and a water bottle for each child. Reading books will be sent home in a clear plastic wallet which can be easily sanitised. If you child is bringing a packed lunch in a reusable box, please ensure that it is cleaned daily including sanitising the outside to reduce cross contamination.

And Finally,....

We would like to thank all of our parents for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back to Water Primary School.

Kind regards

Mrs T-A Willetts
School Business Manager

