



WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
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Welcome to the start of the new school year 2022-2023

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have all had a relaxing summer and have enjoyed spending time together. The start of the school year always brings a range of emotions; excitement at meeting friends again, wearing your new uniform and getting to know the new class teachers, together with a few nerves about the unknowns. It has been a pleasure to see that the children have returned with a positive attitude to learning. They look very smart in their school uniforms and have settled quickly into their new classes. Thank you for your support as this makes all the difference. It was lovely to have a whole school assembly on Monday and Friday morning, celebrating stars of the week and talking about our value for September - Ambition.

The children confidently told new members of staff about our three school rules - **Ready, Respectful and Safe**, which they demonstrate daily.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Reception and Nursery children. We are confident that they will make a successful start to their Wodensfield learning journey.

Attached with this letter you will see a termly diary. We hope it enables you to plan and save dates for parent meetings, INSET days and key events. A copy will also be available on the school website.

Please see the bullet points below with key information about the school day.

- School starts at 8.40am. Junior staff will greet children on the playground. Infant staff will open doors at 8.40am.
- Any child who arrives after 8.50am must report to the main school office and will be marked as late.
- Our bagel breakfast will continue for all children. There is no charge for this.
- Children must come to school in PE/Games kit on days when they have PE or Forest school. Black joggers and a plain white t-shirt. Please do not send your child in branded sportswear.
- Uniform must be worn on days when children are not required to wear sports kit. There is a new outlet in the high street selling our uniform at reasonable prices.
- We will open a preloved uniform shop on the last Monday of every month.
- Please pay milk direct through Cool Milk <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/> All under 5s are free
- 18th October – Deadline to pay Apple money for the term – Pay via Pay 360, Fees and Subs section
- School Meals - £2.40 each day, to be paid on Pay 360. Children in Year 2 and under are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. Please inform the office if you wish to change your child's meal pattern.



- Before and after school club – Needs to be paid in advance. This is to comply with staffing ratios, if your child is not booked in advance we cannot guarantee there will be spaces available.
- Holiday taken in term time will not be authorised. Please complete a **Request for leave in term time** form and return to the school office at least four weeks before the leave is due to start. A separate letter will be sent to update parents regarding the new guidance from the Department for Education; **Working together to improve school attendance.**
- Our enhanced curriculum offer, including lunchtime and after school clubs will begin on Monday 19th September. All in house clubs are free of charge and offer a wealth of opportunities for all children. Aspire clubs will be on Tuesday (Football for Reception to Year 6) and Thursday (Multiskills for Key Stage 2 – further details to follow). These are externally led and must be paid for in advance.

On Friday we all received the sad news that the Queen had passed away at the wonderful age of 96. This was discussed with the children both in school assembly and classrooms throughout the day. You will also be aware now that **Monday 19th September has been declared a bank holiday** and schools will be closed to all children.

Finally, it has been a pleasure to welcome your children back to school and we all look forward to having an amazing year together.

Yours sincerely



S. Walker (Mrs)
Headteacher

