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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Return to School – Autumn 2

I am writing to welcome you back to school, following what I hope was a happy and safe half-term. The children made a super start to the school year, and I am certain this will continue.

In Autumn 1, we have recognised and celebrated a number of children for their consistent display of our school values and behaviours. We have welcomed parents into school for events such as meet the teacher, coffee meet up for parents of children with SEND, School Nurse drop-in and parents evening. Year 4 have had the opportunity to visit the RAF Museum, Cosford, to immerse themselves in their World War 2 topic. Years 3 and 5 spent time star gazing in the planetarium, bringing life to the universe.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Festival. We were able to provide several baskets for nominated persons and all other donations were collected by the Ashmore Park Food Bank who provide much needed support for our local community.

This term, we are looking forward to in-house workshops, visits out-of-school, Carol Concerts and Christmas events.

As always, please may I remind you of a few key pieces of information, together with some school expectations. I echo throughout our school communication the importance of home school relationships, and I thank you for your continued work and support with us.

There is an updated key dates diary, to follow this letter. We hope this information enables you to plan and save the dates for events across this half term. A copy is also available on the school website, under the school letters page.

Key Stage Two (Junior Building Access)

As a result of the pop-up swimming pool location, there are changes to the building access for the start and end of the school day for key stage two. Therefore, we are asking:

- Year 3 and Year 4 to enter and exit school via the Junior Hall doors
- Year 5 and Year 6 to enter and exit school via the main entrance of the Junior building

Attendance

Good attendance (96% and above) is vital to your child's academic, emotional, and social success at school. I appreciate at this time of year, colds, tummy bugs etc. are present in the community. However, where possible, please continue to encourage good attendance and keep the school office informed, if your child is unable to attend school for any reason.



To report absence or for attendance enquiries, please contact the main office on 01902 556350 or email attendance@wodensfield.org Further guidance on 'Should I keep my child off school?' is available on our school website: [Attendance | Wodensfield Primary](#).

School Gateway

Thank you to those parents who have downloaded and registered for our payment and communication app. Following your feedback, we hope this change of system results in the improved and efficient exchange of information between home and school.

All communication via the school office is being sent by School Gateway via an in-app message or direct email. This includes whole-school and/or class letters regarding events, trips etc. as well as reminders for outstanding consent and payment for events. If you have not already done, please register for the School Gateway app as soon as possible.

Further guidance on all of school systems, is available on our school website: [School Systems | Wodensfield Primary](#)

Website

In addition to School Gateway, our website is being updated regularly to reflect up-to-date news, events and letters. The home page features a 'Key Info' section, that serves as a reminder of dates and deadlines. There is also new information under the parents tab including School Nursing and Useful Links to Support.

- For whole school letters, please see [School Letters | Wodensfield Primary](#)
- For class letters, please see [Class News | Wodensfield Primary](#) and choose the corresponding Year Group.

Please note, that you can access a number of useful links via your School Gateway app, which will take you directly to the most frequently used websites.

Change of Collection

If there is a change in the person collecting your child at the end of the school day, I would appreciate if you could let the relevant class teacher know via the corresponding year group email addresses. It is an important process in safeguarding your child and ensures staff and your child are prepared for the change.

Parking Concerns

Before half term, it was brought to the school's attention that the parking of parents in the streets directly surrounding the school is a significant concern, which puts the safety and lives of children at risk. Whilst I fully appreciate how difficult it can be to find a convenient place to park in order to drop and collect your child from school, I am sure you would all agree that as adults, our convenience should not put children and their families at risk of harm.

The Local Authority and Police Community Support Officers are aware and will be patrolling at sporadic times to reiterate our concern, as we all work together to protect the health and safety of our children and community.

Thank you, again, for your continued support and I look forward to writing to you, to share the wonderful news from Autumn 2 half term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S. Walker
Headteacher

