



WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Welcome to the start of the new school year

I hope you have all had a relaxing and safe summer, and have enjoyed spending time together. The start of the school year always brings a range of emotions; the excitement at meeting friends again 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, and are demonstrating our school rules – **Ready, Respectful and Safe** across all aspects of their school day. It was lovely to recognise this during whole school assembly on Tuesday morning, as well as talking about our school expectations. This month we are focussing on being ready to achieve.

The children look very smart in their school uniforms and have settled quickly into their new classes, building relationships with their class teachers and support staff. Thank you for your support, as this makes all the difference.

I would 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.

I would also like to welcome new members of staff. Mrs Taylor-Ward is our SENDCo, whilst Mrs Cowdrill is on maternity leave. Miss Healy has joined our Nursery and Miss Matczuk is in our Reception year group.

There will be an Autumn term key dates diary to follow this letter. We hope this information enables you to plan and save the dates for parent meetings, INSET days and key events. A copy will also be available on the school website.

You will see from the key dates diary that we will be holding 'meet the teacher' sessions for each year group over the next few weeks. We hope you will be able to attend so that we can ensure both home and school build on our positive and supportive relationships. Look out for a MarvellousMe with further details.

Please see below for key points to note about the school day and expectations, that will enable us to work together in supporting children's readiness to achieve.

- School starts promptly at 8.40am. Infant staff will open doors at 8.40am. Junior staff will greet children on the playground. Any child who arrives after 8.50am must report to the main school office and will be marked as late.
- Children must come to school in PE/Games kit (black joggers and a plain white t-shirt) on days when they have PE or Forest school. Class teachers will communicate these days to you. Please do not send your child in branded sportswear.
- School uniform must be worn on days when children are not required to wear PE/Games kit. More information on expectations and suppliers is available on our school website.



- We will open a preloved uniform shop on the Infant playground, the last Monday of every month.
- Please continue to pay Cool Milk direct if your child is over 5 years-old and does not receive free milk <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>. Apple and school meals, will need to be paid in advance via the School Gateway app. A school meal is £2.40 per day.
- Deadline to pay Apple money for Autumn term is 22nd September 2023.
- Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) are available to children in Reception to Year 2. If your child has transitioned from Year 2 into Year 3, and is not entitled to FSM but would like a school meal, you must inform the school office as soon as possible as you will be charged.
- Our bagel breakfast will continue for all children. There is no charge to parents and carers for this.
- Remember to download our new parent payment app – School Gateway. Further information is available via our school website.
- Before and after-school provision is delivered directly by Aspire. To book a place, please follow this link [Aspire Kids Club](#). A schedule of events will be sent to you in due course, with further information on when to book the football and multi-skills sessions. For further information, please contact Aspire direct on 0121 553 1979.
- Please note amendment from the end of term letter to the following date - Parents Evening: Wednesday 25th October 2023. Further details to follow.

Please could I remind all parents and carers, that for a child to gain the greatest benefit from their time at Wodensfield, it is vital they attend on time, every day. It is proven that attainment is connected to good attendance and missing school could have an impact on your child’s educational progress. Attendance and punctuality is closely monitored at Wodensfield and we are available to give help and support to all parents and carers to encourage their child’s excellent attendance. For attendance enquiries, please contact attendance@wodensfield.org

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,



Mrs S. Walker
Headteacher

