

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school everyone! It has been wonderful to see all the children again and to meet our new Foundation Stage children.

This week our newsletter has quite a lot of information in it, and so it isn't in our usual format. We'll be back to our regular newsletter next week.

Uniform

Last year we were fairly flexible about uniform, given the difficulties of getting to the shops during lockdowns and with the expectations around isolating. This year, however, given the current guidance, being able to get to the shops is no longer as tricky and children will be expected to arrive at school in the correct uniform.

This is:

- Grey shorts, trousers, skirts or dresses
- White polo shirts or collared shirts
- Green School Logo Jumper or Green School Logo Cardigan
- White or grey socks, or grey tights
- Flat black school shoes

Children are able to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days. They will need to wear the correct PE uniform.

This is:

- Green School Logo PE T-shirt
- Green School Logo jumper or Green School Logo cardigan
- Black PE Shorts
- Black joggers
- White or grey socks
- Trainers

We have a large stock of second-hand uniform which the PTA sells at a very reasonable price. If you are experiencing financial hardship and need support with your child's uniform, please contact the school office.

Hair

Children with long hair should have their hair tied back each day. Please also avoid sending your child into school with overlarge hair bows or heavily decorated headbands.

Jewellery

Please do not send children into school wearing jewellery (unless for religious purposes). Earrings should be small, plain studs or small, plain hoops. These will need to be removed or taped over for PE days.

Keyrings

It is a good idea to attach a small keyring to your child's bookbag, to help with identification, however, please limit this to one small keyring, as the book bag needs to be able to fit into your child's tray.

PE Days

Foundation Stage will have PE sessions on Fridays, and begin their PE lessons on Friday 17th September. You were previously told that PE days for EYFS were Mondays, but this has had to change owing to timetable clashes.

Year 1 and Year 2 PE days remain as laid out in my previous letter.

Parents Evenings

We will be holding virtual parents' evenings, via Zoom, at the end of September.

Bookings for these meetings is done through parentmail. You will be notified when bookings open.

These meetings are very short and are primarily focussed on sharing how your child has settled into their new class and their wellbeing. There will be a Parents' Evening in late November which will discuss your child's academic progress and attainment.

Parentmail

As our returning parents know, we use the parentmail app for all of our communication with parents, including sending the newsletter. Our Key Stage 1 classes are being transferred at the moment (but communications shouldn't be disrupted) and once our EYFS children have been allocated their classes, we will be able to send our parentmail logins. This should be by Friday 10th September.

Class Bulletins

The class bulletins are updated each week for each class, and are put onto our school website. You can find your child's class bulletin here: https://www.willowbankinfant.com/web/classes_1 (select your child's class). EYFS bulletins will appear from next week Friday once your children have been allocated classes.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Michelle Masters