



Friday 3rd September 2021

Dear Families,

Joining and Returning to West Earlham Infant & Nursery School in September

We are looking forward to welcoming all children in main school on **Monday 6th September**. Nursery children will be starting back fully from Monday 13th September after home visits and taster sessions (please see nursery letter for times and dates)

Living with covid19

We now appear to be in a phase of living with covid19. This means that although cases are high and rising, with vaccinations and better treatments in hospital, things are getting back to some sort of 'normality'. It is a difficult balancing act to ensure that children receive a full rounded education, whilst knowing that there are likely to be staff and child absence this term because of covid. We will continue to ensure that all classrooms and learning spaces are well ventilated in line with current DFE, LA and PHE advice. We will also use the outdoors as much as possible for teaching and learning. There will be regular hand washing with soap, for example on coming into school, in between activities, before eating and coming back in from lunch and the regular cleaning of touch points during the day. If a child or staff member **develops symptoms (high temperature, cough, loss of smell and taste)** either at home or during the school year, we will expect them to **get a PCR test** and not to return unless the result is negative. As the **symptoms for covid19 appear to vary** now, especially for children, our advice is, if you or your **child feels unwell, please do a LFT and if the test is positive, confirm it with a PCR.**

Attendance

All children in main school are expected to attend school everyday. If your child is not well enough to attend school on a particular day, please contact the school office (01603 451299) by 9am.

When should a child self-isolate?



NO

- **All children MUST attend school unless they are ill.**
- **From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid.**
- **Instead, they will need to book a PCR test, but they can continue coming to school, as long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.**



YES

- **If a child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test NOT a Lateral Flow test.**
- **If a child develops Covid symptoms at school/nursery, they will be sent home and a PCR test should be booked.**
- **If a child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but they should book a PCR test.**

Coming to School and End of the School Day Arrangements

In accordance with DFE guidance there will no longer be staggered start and end times. All children in **main school must be in class by 9am for registration**. Doors will be open from 8.40 am for those who would like a bagel in class. All children in main school will be **collected at 3.15pm** from their class.

Please note that reception children have different times for the first few weeks in September (please see separate timetable).

What Your Child Needs to Bring

Your child will be expected to wear school uniform (not nursery) and will need a named **coat, wellington boots, spare clothes in a named bag and a book bag**. If your child has an **inhaler** please bring this to the school office as soon as your child starts school. If your child is taking any prescribed medication please bring this to the school office. This will need to be collected by an adult at the end of the school day.

On days when your child has PE, your child should wear their PE kit to school. If it is cold they can wear jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt as well as their shorts and top. These days are as follows:

Year 1 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Thursday

Please do not bring in extra items from home such as toys.

Lunches

Year 1 and 2 children will eat their lunches in the school dining room. A menu is displayed around school. If you child has any dietary requirements please speak to the office.

Information from your child's class

In the next few weeks class teachers will be sharing information about learning, including how we teach reading through Read Write Inc here at WEINS. More information to follow.

As always if you have any queries please talk to your child's class teacher via class dojo or let the office know if you would like to speak to them in person.

Kind regards

Mrs Mardell

Head Teacher