

# Westacre Infant School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that the government recently issued guidance to support schools in the re-opening of schools for all pupils from September 2020.

We have carefully considered the guidance and have implemented the following measures. All of the measures in place are to be reviewed weekly and any alterations or additional measures will be communicated to you in a timely manner.

A thorough and ratified Risk Assessment will be available for you to access in the near future. This will tell you about the measures we have in place regarding hand washing and our cleaning arrangements.

To ensure that there are minimal adults and children on site at any one time we have decided on the following staggered arrival and departure times.

Nursery a.m. arrive at 8:45 and depart at 11:45

Nursery p.m. to arrive at 12:30 and depart at 3:30

Reception arrive at 9:05 and depart at 3:10

Year 1 arrive at 8:55 and depart at 3:20

Year 2 arrive at 8:45 and depart at 3:30

The hours are flexible if you have siblings in this school or siblings that attend Uplands Junior School.

If you attended our Nursery then you start school on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.**

A polite reminder that if you did not attend our Nursery then you start on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

We will be opening our Breakfast Club and Tea Time Club and the usual costs and opening hours will be in place. **(See Breakfast Club and Tea Time Club section of the website for further details)**

Extra-curricular Clubs will be on offer and again they will be restricted to Year Group Bubbles. **Further details to follow in September)**

The children will need to wear their uniforms.

In Years 1 and 2 the children do not need to wear their uniform on the days they are doing PE. We would like the children to wear appropriate Sports/Leisure clothing that will reduce the amount of time spent getting changed. Reception children will need to wear Sports/Leisure clothing on Fridays. We will inform

you in September the days the children have PE. The children will need the usual PE clothing for when they are doing indoor sessions. **(See the Uniform section of the website for more details)**

It is not possible to expect our children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 to sit at a table and face forward all day. The guidelines suggest we **should** but this is not possible with children of that age. The Year 2 classrooms have been moved around to accommodate the guidelines. We will where possible limit the close interaction between the children and adults but it will be essential for the children to socialise and interact with their peers and key adults.

We will continue to use the existing one-way system around the school. It is imperative that you support your children whilst having access to the car park. The barrier will be used but we need the children to stay away from the parked cars. A polite reminder that parents are not allowed to use the car park. You must park on the main road or use alternative nearby parking.

At playtimes, the children will remain in their Class Bubbles and have their own Bubble Zones on the playground. We will have three separate sittings at lunchtime that will enable us to keep the children separate in their Year Groups whilst ensuring they have enough time to eat and have access to outside. We will finalise the procedures for open evenings and the usual annual events at a more suitable time.

You cannot send your children to school if they are showing any signs of illness. If your children are sent home for other illnesses, we are insisting that you keep them at home for at least 7 days. The reason for this is that some children display different symptoms and we will not take the risk.

If your child develops a new cough, a continuous cough or has a high temperature they will be sent home, they must self-isolate for 7 days, and a Covid 19 test must be arranged. The guidance says fellow household members should then self-isolate for 14 days.

As before, I have a duty of care for my own family, my colleagues, you and your amazing children. I will not do anything that I feel puts your children at significant risk. Thank you parents for being so understanding and patient with this proposal. If you have any queries email the school and we will respond as soon as we possibly can.

Stay safe and see you all soon.



Mr Aidan Edmunds

Headteacher