

WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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After five weeks in school, I am delighted to let parents know that all pupils have responded brilliantly to new routines and procedures and, along with staff, are working really hard to ensure that we all continue to stay safe.

Staff have now completed assessments and will begin to address any gaps in learning which may have developed. Over the coming terms, gaps in knowledge will be addressed either through whole class teaching or small group intervention, depending on need.

Could I politely remind all parents and carers that, unless using Hometown Club, access to the school is not permitted before 8.40am in the morning. We have created fifteen minute drop off and collection slots, so that parents can drop off and collect children without congregating on the school site.

Recently, some older children, who walk to school unaccompanied, have arrived much earlier than the 8.40am drop off time. This is important as the weather begins to turn because staff are unable to accept pupils into classrooms before this point. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these unusual times.

Mrs Hickey

School Uniform

Please be aware that current guidance states that classrooms should be as well ventilated as possible. This means that even during the winter months, other than in extreme conditions, classroom windows will be open. Please be aware of this and ensure that your child is dressed appropriately to ensure that they remain warm.

Playtimes and Lunchtimes

You will be aware that children are only able to mix with children from their class bubble and that this extends to playtimes and lunch times. We aim to use the field for as long as possible as this gives each class the maximum amount of space. Unless the field is deemed unsafe pupils will be expected to go outside. Could we please ask that parents ensure that they have suitable waterproof footwear to avoid slipping slip on ballerina style shoes are not suitable.

In addition, all PE will be conducted outdoors until restrictions are lifted. All children should have an outdoor PE kit (tracksuit or jogging bottoms and sports top) and suitable trainers—not plimsols.

Parent consultations during the pandemic

I am extremely grateful to the staff at Westfield for the way in which they have embraced new ways of teaching and learning, including the introduction of virtual parent consultations. We felt very much that the contact with parents was important. Could we ask that parents join the meeting promptly at their allocated time and stick to the five minute time slot. This is the first time that this has been attempted at school so, in the event of any difficulties, please be patient with us. I do hope it works well for all involved

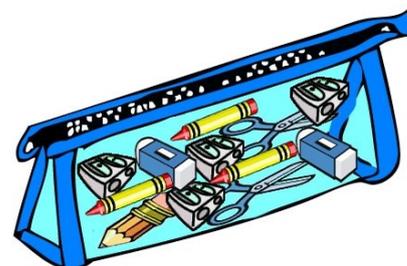


Homework

As a school we are working hard to address the impact of lockdown on our children's education. In the coming days, you should receive a timetable, detailing homework for your child's year group. All homework is set via Seesaw to avoid the movement of materials to and from school. Could we please ask that families support staff and engage with their child's homework, ensuring that it is completed to a good standard and returned on time. Thank you for your co-operation. I am sure that a joint approach from school and home will help children to catch up more quickly.

KS2—equipment for children

Currently any class resources need to be cleaned by class teachers, including PE equipment and stationery. As you can imagine this can be a huge task and, although necessary from a safety point of view, it can mean that staff are spending a significant amount of time cleaning items. At the start of the year, we asked that children in KS2 brought a pencil case to school with a selection of items such as a black handwriting pen (not a biro), pencil, eraser, sharpener, ruler and a small selection of coloured pencils and felt tips. This is for their individual use and children are not allowed to "share" items.



Face Masks

Please can all parents ensure that they wear a face mask or covering when visiting the school entrance—thank you.

Diary dates— Autumn term

Wednesday 4th September	School reopens
Friday 9th October	Photographer in school
Friday 23rd October	Staff Training Day—School closed to pupils
Monday 26th October	HALF TERM
Monday 2nd November	School reopens
Friday 18th December	END OF TERM