



Wendover CE Junior School

We aim to be the school of choice at the heart of our community.

Through living our Christian values, all children and adults at WCEJS have the opportunity to flourish as individuals.

We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead and the compassion to care.

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Welcome back!

It has been lovely to see our children back in school this week. It is clear that they are excited about returning and they were eager to play and talk with friends, as well as engaging in their classroom activities. They have coped well with the different and necessary arrangements that are in place. Thank you for your continued support in keeping everyone safe.

Whilst the risk of Coronavirus in this area remains comparatively low, we must not become complacent. We are continuing to work hard to maintain a safe environment in order to prevent a return to lockdown and learning from home. Please help us to do this by reinforcing the messages contained within the guidance sent to you.

Drop off and pick up

Year 3 and Year 5 should arrive at school at 8.40am and leave school at 3.20pm. Year 4 and Year 6 should arrive at 8.50am and will leave at 3.30pm. It is important that these times are adhered to so that we keep social bubbles separated as much as possible.

Please consider whether you need come to the school gate. If you do then please only one parent. When collecting children, wait by the safety barrier to keep the pathway clear. Collect your child as soon as you see them, then leave immediately using the one way system. Please do not think of drop off and collection as an opportunity to socialise.

Campus Safety

Parents should not drive onto campus unless authorised to do so. The safety barrier is there to protect people – please do not climb it or allow your child to do so.

Social distancing

We are trying hard to remain 2m apart whenever we can. When this is not possible we use other protective measures, such as not directly facing someone when talking. It is extremely important that we all model good behaviour to reinforce the message.

Test and trace

Please continue to monitor the health of your child. If they have one of the following symptoms, keep them at home and arrange a test:

- a high temperature;
- a new, continuous cough
- loss or change of their sense of taste or smell.

Face coverings

Face coverings are not compulsory in primary schools. However, if you believe your child needs to wear one then please ensure that:

- a new / clean covering is used each day and they are not shared (wash daily at 60 degrees)
- it is the correct size for your child and they know how to put it on / remove it properly

- a washable sealed bag or container is used to place it in when not in use, eg whilst eating lunch

Communications

Please continue to use email and telephone as the main form of communication with school. Visits to the school office should be for emergencies only and not earlier than 9am. The office will continue to email and text parents with updates (we will no longer be issuing 'head-bump' letters – parents will receive a text before the end of the school day instead).

Uniform

Everyone looked very smart this week. Please remember that children need to wear PE kit to school on their PE day (Y3 & Y5 on a Wednesday and Y4 & Y6 on a Thursday). Check that all items are named. All children need to bring a coat to school each day as they will be going outside in most weathers.

Mental health and well-being

We are continuing to review our curriculum in order to support the well-being of our children. Our new PSHE scheme will start for all year groups with the unit *Me and My Relationships*. As part of this topic, children explore how emotions can affect behaviour and how we can manage our emotions.

Mobile phones

If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school, they should ensure it is switched off and put in their school bag before they enter school. It must remain in the bag, turned off, until your child has left the school premises. No responsibility will be accepted for loss or damage to devices.

Medicine in school

If your child requires medication in school, please contact the school office to complete an Individual Healthcare plan and a parental agreement to administer medicine, all medicine should be brought to the school office and not carried by children in their bags.

Pupil Premium

We are aware that many people have been adversely financially affected during the Covid 19 pandemic. Please see the link below with information and eligibility for free school meals, please contact the school office if you think this applies to your family.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding / welfare concern or need additional support then please contact Mrs Bartlett: admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk Further information is available on our website.