



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

'By growing together, we become the best we can be'

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to school everyone. I hope you are all well and have enjoyed the summer break! A very warm welcome to our new families who have joined our school, this morning we welcomed 21 new pupils.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO IMPROVE SITE SAFETY

We are introducing some changes which will be effective from Monday 10th September:

The gate outside of Robins Class (Year 2) will be permanently locked so that access to and from your child's class and the rear of the school can only be achieved by walking round the front of the school, via the gate outside of Larks (Year1). This gate will be locked promptly at 9.10am daily and unlocked at 3.10pm.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents that access to the school via the car park is restricted to staff only so please ensure that everyone bringing and collecting your child is aware that they need to come in via the Stanningfield Road entrance.

Additionally please can all parents close gates and secure them by the latch as they use them

In the mornings we will continue to offer our meet and greet service at the Stanningfield Road entrance of the school, from 8.50-9.05am. This is for those children who are ready and wish to independently come into school by themselves in the morning, otherwise 'drop off' at the classroom door still operates. **However it is fine, if you would like to see your child into the class-room for the first three days to settle them in and then from Thursday 13th September please encourage your child to come in to school on their own. This will encourage their independence.**

The above **does not apply to Wrens**, whose parents may bring them in each morning. If **Year 1** parents wish to bring their child/ren in until next Monday 17th September this is fine and will give them a little longer to get used to the changes.

Wrens, Larks and Robins may be collected from their classroom doors at 3.15pm each day. KS2 classes Kingfishers, Owls, Woodpeckers and Swans may be collected from the playground at 3.25pm. At the end of the day, **KS2 children** travelling from school via taxi must also wait on the playground until collected. **KS1 (taxi) children** must wait quietly at the office.

Year 5 and Year 6 going home arrangements for 2018—2019 academic year:

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you would like them to leave the school site independently and make their own way home, we request that you complete the parental permission slip at the end of this letter and return it as soon as possible indicating your specific instructions.

Currently we have a lot of parents and children who are able to walk to and from school and expect there will be more children walking to and from the school site independently. Therefore if we are going to keep our children safe it is essential that cars are parked legally and considerately.

Meet the Teacher

We would like to offer you the opportunity to meet your child's teacher on an informal basis on Wednesday 12th September, from 3.30-5.00pm. The exception to this is for Woodpeckers Class, when Mr Sharp will be available 3.30-5.00pm on Tuesday 11th September.

Upon arriving in your child's classroom, please sign in on the list provided.

Dates for your diaries will be issued next week.

To Great Whelnetham School

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LEAVING THE SCHOOL SITE AT 3.25PM FOR YEAR 5 AND 6 PUPILS FOR 2018-2019

At the end of the day my child _____ will

☐ Meet me on the playground

☐ Leave the school premises and walk home independently

Name _____ Date _____

(please clearly circle the permission you are giving and return to the office as soon as possible—please note that

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Headteacher



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