



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

# West End Newsbites

## Update



School is back up and running and we have had an amazing week. The children are settled and the buzz around school is lovely. They all look very smart in their new uniforms. We understand that the system is not ideal for drop off and collection but we believe it will get easier as we all get used to the new rules. Tweaks may be needed over time to make this better. We will continue to keep you informed on ParentApp and Facebook. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## Our Amazing Children

Look at the learning taking place. Our children are so resilient and we are so proud of them every day.



## Start and Finish Times

EYFS children start at 8:45am until 12:30pm next week.

KS1 will start at 8:45 am and finish at 3pm. The gates will be closed until this time and children will go straight into their classes. Siblings can wait in the hall. KS2 children start at 9am and finish at 3:15pm.

If you have an EYFS or KS1 child and an older sibling in the juniors, please collect your younger child then wait in the muga. Siblings will be allowed out 5 minutes early and a TA will bring them to the muga to meet you. You must then leave through the Y6 gate onto Devonshire Road. We are hoping this will be better.

We are operating a one-way system so you will not be allowed to leave through the double gates where you entered.

School Start & End Times



## EYFS

What an amazing group of children we had joining our West End Family this week in Reception. They have settled in really well and have already started on their learning journey. We cannot wait to learn more about them.



## Cars

Please can we remind parents not to park on the zig zag lines outside school and outside the Y6 gate. Also there are a number of parents speeding up the street and this is very unsafe for our children and families.



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### **PE Day Uniform**

All classes should have received a curriculum letter from their class teacher this week. This tells you what your child will be learning this half term. On there, will be your child's PE day. On this day children need to wear their PE kit. This is a navy blue top, red shorts and navy blue tracksuit bottoms, PE hoodie (optional) and trainers. PE kits are available with our logo on from Young Ones on the Prom. This is to stop un-necessary changing and bags being held in school. Please ensure children have removed their earrings on PE days. If children come in their school uniform, they will still be required to do PE.

We are not sure when Swimming will start again but it will be for Y6 this term. We will keep your updated on this.



### **Holiday and Unauthorised Absences**

The children have missed a huge amount of school so we are currently trying to fill gaps from last year and teach this year's curriculum so children do not fall behind. Any parents choosing to take their child out of school for a holiday, in term time, will result in a fine of £60 per parent per child for every 5 school days they are off. This includes if you choose to take them to a country where you then need to isolate when you get home. Also children who are kept off school for no valid reason will incur a fine after 5 days absence in one half term. This is government guidance that school needs to follow.

### **Breakfast Club and The Den**

Breakfast club and The Den are now available daily. Breakfast club is priced at £2 from 8am to 9am and is a drop in session in the hall. After school club must be pre booked and paid for, this will also run from the hall so we have more space. This will be from 3pm to 5pm priced at £5 per session. This session is slightly shorter to allow for cleaning at the end of each day. Both clubs will be from the Hall and run by Miss Phillips. A new Den pack needs to be completed before children can come to the session.

### **Home Learning**



Online there is a huge amount of home learning for you to access to allow children to catch up. We have Mathletics, Times Tables Rockstars and Education City. Little and often is the best way and the passwords are in your child's Reading Record and Homework Book. Some children also have Lexia and IDL. Reading will always be the most important home learning that your child can do and we ask for parents to write in the Reading Records daily if possible.

### **ParentApp and ParentPay**

Please can you ensure you are checking your Parentapp regularly. Yesterday we sent out a message and 63 families did not open this. We can see how many people open each message that is sent and if you don't open the app you will not know about important changes. If you are logged out of the app and you have forgot your password please press the forgot my password link. We are also moving to a cashless system so it is important that you register for Parentpay.

### **Newsletter**

There will be a newsletter every two weeks sent to you on Parentapp. If you need a paper copy please let the office know and we will put one in your child's bookbag.