



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to the beginning of a new school year. The children have come back to school eager and ready to learn. They all look smart in their school uniforms! Also, welcome to all our new children and I hope you have a great time at West End!

Mr McGowan and all the cleaning staff have worked hard over the holidays to make sure the building is clean and tidy! Thank you to them as always for their hard work. The teachers have also been working hard to make their classrooms as bright and stimulating as possible. A big thank you to all the staff for making sure that the school looks fantastic for the children's return!

### Teaching and Learning

Information about what the teachers have planned for your child this term is on our website. We all continue to have high expectations for our children and we ask you as parents to support us in this. We all want the best for our children.

### Achievement Assembly

The special mentions assembly will be held every Tuesday morning. We look forward to welcoming parents of children who have been recognised by the staff for their outstanding work and behaviour each week. Parents will receive an invitation to these assemblies every Friday.

### PE

Through the use of the sports funding, we are committed to improving the quality of PE opportunities for our children. More details about what we have planned this year will follow shortly. The table below shows when the children will need to bring their PE kit to school.

	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE
<b>Upper Foundation</b>	Monday	Monday
<b>Year 1</b>	Tuesday	Monday
<b>Year 2</b>	Friday	Tuesday
<b>Year 3</b>	Monday	Friday
<b>Year 4</b>	Tuesday (Swimming)	
<b>Year 5</b>	Wednesday	Friday
<b>Year 6</b>	Thursday	Tuesday

### School Uniform

Please can I remind you about our rules for school uniform.

- West End Academy jumper or cardigan, white shirt with grey skirt / trousers.
- Black shoes.
- Jewellery cannot be worn (only stud earrings are allowed and should be removed or taped up for PE).

### PE Kit

- Black or navy shorts and a white T-shirt.
- Trainers for outdoor PE lessons.
- Warm black or navy top and trousers for outdoors.

Please make sure that your child's name is on all items of clothing. If you have any concerns about uniform, please call into school and speak to your child's class teacher.

### Dinner Money

All children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school dinner. Dinner money is £2.80 a day or £14 a week for the children in Key Stage 2. If you think that your child may be entitled to free school meals, please call in at the office for an application form.

### Text Messages

Please remember to tell us if you change your mobile number so that we can update our system. We need up-to-date contact numbers in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Thanks for your support with this.

### Making an Appointment

If you have any concerns whatsoever, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher first. You can make this appointment by telephoning or visiting the office. If you feel that your child's teacher cannot help, please make an appointment to see Mr Jackson, our Deputy Head, or me.

### School Term Dates

The school term dates and school holidays for this academic year are listed below. The school will also have INSET days throughout the year. Our INSET days will be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

	School will close on	School will reopen on
<b>Autumn half-term</b>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
<b>End of term</b>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
<b>Spring half-term</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>End of term</b>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<b>Summer half-term</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024
<b>End of term</b>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	

I am looking forward to another successful year and to your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher