



Werrington Primary School



Newsletter

17th June 2021.



Staffing for 2021/22

Teaching staff arrangements for 2021/22 are as follows:

Nursery	Mrs. R. Brookes
Reception	Miss. A. Woodward / Miss. M. Carruthers
Reception	Miss. L. Davies
Year 1	Mrs. A. Welford
Year 1	Mrs. L. McGill
Year 2	Mrs. H. Gerrard
Year 2	Miss. S. Millward
Year 3	Mrs. L. Wright
Year 3	Miss. R. Hampson
Year 4	Miss. R. Dimmock
Year 4	Miss. G. Whitmore
Year 5	Miss. H. Turner
Year 5	Mrs. C. Little
Year 6	Mrs. S. Lockett
Year 6	Mr. K. Hubbard

Our end of year reports to parents will be sent home on Monday 5th July. The report will include details of your child's new class.

Children will have the opportunity to spend the day in their new class on Tuesday 6th July – most of our Y6 pupils will spend this day at their new High School.

Sports Days

Our Sports Week is planned for the week commencing 5th July.

Weather permitting, we aim to have a 'sports day' for each year group – Your child's teacher will let you know when this is so that your child can come to school in their PE kit.

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents and families but we will do our best to take lots of photos to share with you.

Wellbeing Support

At Werrington we are proud to be able to offer a pastoral provision that extends to every aspect of our school community. We have trained staff who can support wellbeing, provide relational care and help children and young people to develop the skills that they need to promote emotional, social and psychological growth and resilience. We can also provide counselling support in school and signpost to other agencies where more specialist provision may be required. This support is available to all our families (children and parents/carers) – Please do speak to Ann Marsh (01782 980010 or a.marsh@werrington.staffs.sch.uk for more information.

Covid Protocols

In light of the rises in positive covid cases across the Staffordshire Moorlands, we request that people continue to follow guidelines around social distancing, our one way system and face coverings to keep our whole school community safe.

Werrington Connects

As part of our 'Werrington Connects' initiative, we had hoped to arrange half-termly 'catch-up' meetings, the first of which was going to be Wednesday 30th June. Unfortunately, the delay to the easing of lockdown protocols means that we will have to postpone this meeting – We will aim to reschedule for September 2021.

Parents Evening

We do offer parents the opportunity to have an end of year catch up with their child's teacher. Our planned Parents Evening is scheduled for Wednesday 7th July – This will take the form of a 'virtual' meeting. Information about how to book an appointment will be sent out soon.

Warmer Weather

At last it looks as though we are getting a little bit of summer. Please remember to prepare your child for these conditions by putting long-lasting sun lotion on them before they come to school (we are not allowed to apply this for children), and sending them with a peaked cap to wear when they are outside (i.e. playtime, lunchtime, P.E. etc.).

Girls may wear summer school dresses (blue checked) and boys may wear grey tailored shorts.



Nursery September 2021

We do have a few places available in our Nursery classes for September 2021. Please get in touch if you are interested in a place for your child.

Absence from School

If you have a holiday booked, or a planned absence of any kind, please let the office know in writing – Just drop a note or send an email (office@werrington.staffs.sch.uk) into school at least one week before the absence.

Any unknown or unexpected absences have to be reported to the local Authority Education Welfare Team.

Nursery and Reception Starters

EYFS new intake evenings are being arranged for the week commencing 21st June 2021. These evenings are by invitation only. If your child is due to start with us in September and you have not yet received an appointment, please contact the school office.

School Closures

Don't forget, **school closes at 1:30pm** on Wednesday 21st July and re-opens at 8:45am on Thursday 2nd September.

The Prime Minister recently made an announcement regarding the next steps in the 'roadmap' out of covid restrictions.

As a result of his announcement, we have revisited our 'risk assessments' and have decided to continue with the following measures until the end of the school academic year:

- As before, there will be a strict one-way system for moving around the school grounds. The narrow pathway by the Nursery can only be used by people walking from the front of the school towards the playground, and the driveway at the side of the school can only be used by people walking from the playground towards the Co-op shop/Washerwall Lane
- We ask that children come to school in their PE kit on days when they have PE
- We ask that you consider continuing to wear a face mask whilst within the school grounds
- The children will continue to be reminded of handwashing requirements. On arrival, they will be expected to wash their hands and this expectation will be continued at designated points throughout the day. Children are not expected to wear masks at school.
- Please drop and pick up your children promptly – do not gather in a crowd to chat outside of school.
- Where possible, we ask that you consider dropping your child off at the front of the school and encouraging your child to make their own way to their entry point. All Key Stage 2 children should be encouraged to do this – There are plenty of staff outside to ensure that your child safely gets to where they should be.
- If you accompany your child into the school grounds, please keep your child close to you at all times and do not let them play with other children
- Vehicles dropping children off or picking children up will NOT be allowed into the school grounds.
- Children will not be permitted to bring their own pens/pencils/pencil cases into school
- **Please do not send your child into school if you, or anyone in your household, has symptoms of COVID**

It is wonderful that the vaccinations are appearing to be working well and that we can at long last see 'light at the end of the tunnel'. However, the very high incidence of the 'delta' or 'Indian' variant across the Staffordshire Moorlands is concerning, which is one of the reasons why we have kept many of our existing protocols in place for the time being. We will be reviewing all of our covid protocols and procedures before the end of the school year in preparation for September.

It is important we acknowledge that many families may still be feeling anxious about the current situation - At Werrington we are proud to be able to offer a pastoral provision that extends to every aspect of our school community. We have trained staff who can support wellbeing, provide relational care and help children and young people to develop the skills that they need to promote emotional, social and psychological growth and resilience. We can also provide counselling support in school and signpost to other agencies where more specialist provision may be required. This support is available to all our families (children and parents/carers) – Please do speak to Ann Marsh (01782 980010 or a.marsh@werrington.staffs.sch.uk) for more information.