

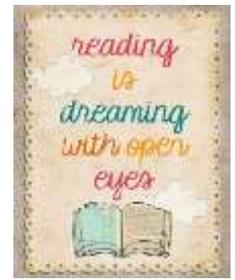


Werrington Primary School



Newsletter

1st October 2021.



Parents Evening

Next week we will be holding 'virtual' parent teacher meetings where you will be able to talk to your child's class teacher to check how well they have settled into their new class and share any concerns.

Appointments are booked via the usual Parents' Evening Booking System <https://werrington.schoolcloud.co.uk> and will then be held via a video call through the school cloud website. Appointments last for 7 minutes and are automatically cut off after this time (with a time warning shortly before the end of the call).

Year 6 appointments will be offered for Tuesday 5th October. 1LM, 3RH, 3LW and 4GW will be offered appointments for Wednesday 6th October.

All other classes (with the exception of 2HG) will be offered appointments for Thursday 7th October.

Covid Safety

Covid cases are rising rapidly within our community – The figures at the bottom of this page show that infection rates among Primary (5-10 year olds) and Secondary (11-18 year olds) aged children is incredibly high (More than five times higher than the national average which is 318 per 100,000) As a vital part of our covid safety plan, I must ask that **all visitors to site abide by our one-way system**. The one-way system may be a minor inconvenience to some, but does help keep our infection rates low which means that we do not have to close year groups for home-schooling. Your help and support in following our one-way system is much appreciated.

Our Covid Risk Assessment and Management Plans can be found on our school website

<http://www.werringtonprimary.org.uk/about-us/covid-19-outbreak-management-plan/>

School Meals

As you will have seen in the media (and perhaps in the supermarket) the UK is suffering from shortages of some foods. Chartwells, our meal provider is not immune from this and we are keeping a close eye on the situation. This may mean that we have to change our menus at very short notice if we cannot get the right ingredients to make the scheduled meal. Please bear with us over this tricky time.

Vacancy

We are recruiting for an apprentice caretaker – If you know of anyone who would be interested in this opportunity, please signpost them to our website.

Y7 Secondary School Applications

Year 6 parents can apply online for your child's secondary school place starting September 2022. Online applications can be made up to and including the closing date of 31 October 2021.



Age profile by district - rate per 100,000

District	0-4	5-10	11-18
Cannock Chase	425	1585	1695.9
East Staffordshire	252.2	941.7	846.8
Lichfield	252.6	1190.5	2515.4
Newcastle	391.7	1030.6	1202.3
South Staffs	217.4	665.8	1491.6
Stafford	340.5	1243.5	3329.4
Staffordshire Moorlands	338.7	1630.7	2025.1
Tamworth	225.7	1032.6	1465.2

Morrisons: Its Good to Grow

School have signed up to receive free gardening equipment for school. How it works: Parents can download the MyMorrisons app, sign in or register to MyMorrisons and select Werrington Primary School (Staffordshire). Scan the app at checkout or use online when shopping. For every £10 spent they will receive a Grow Token to donate to school. These will be exchanged for gardening items for children to use across school.

Healthy Snacks

Parents are reminded that pupils are not permitted to bring crisps or biscuits for mid-morning snacks. Pupils may bring a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit or cereal bar (no nuts). All Infant and Nursery pupils have a free piece of fruit every morning

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed you may now qualify for free school meals. Parents can check eligibility via this link: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Overview.aspx> Following the link will tell you if you are eligible and it will also alert the school. Please note that this is different from Universal Free Meals which all Infant children receive.

Parking Issues

I have recently been approached by several local residents who have been inconvenienced by our school community when parents have parked over their drives at the beginning or end of the school day. The majority of our parents always park considerately and safely but unfortunately this is a recurring issue. Parents and carers are respectfully asked to park away from school (on the Village Hall Car Park) and to walk the last part of the journey to school to help alleviate congestion on the roads around our school. Thank you to all parents and carers who support our school and local community by parking considerately.

Crossing Patrol

Glenys, our wonderful 'lollipop lady', will not be on crossing patrol duty for a little while and the Council have no-one available to cover her absence. Please take extra care when crossing Washerwall Lane to get to school.

Operation Encompass

Werrington Primary School is part of Operation Encompass, a jointly run project between schools, Staffordshire County Council and West Midlands Police. Operation Encompass has been established to help schools provide in school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident. We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it also negatively affects their learning and behaviour in class. A specially trained member of the school staff, (DSL) known as the Key Adult, will liaise with the police before 9am the morning after an incident. The information that has been shared, in confidence, will enable our dedicated and child-focussed Safeguarding Team to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved. If you have any queries regarding Operation Encompass, please speak to Mr. McLauchlan, Mrs. Prince or Mrs. Bolton, our DSLs; alternatively, please visit <https://www.operationencompass.org/> for more information.

Covid Awareness

Coronavirus has not gone away. In order to keep our community safe, please remember that if your child has ANY of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild, then they should get a PCR TEST (test that is sent to a lab) as soon as possible. Where possible, we recommend that your child should also STAY AT HOME AND NOT COME TO SCHOOL and self-isolate until you get the test result. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

1. A high temperature;
2. A new, continuous cough
3. A loss or change of sense to smell or taste.

7 benefits of reading to children

Whether you're reading a classic novel or fairy tales before bed, reading aloud to children can significantly benefit your child's life. Some benefits reading to your children include:

1. Supported cognitive development;
2. Improved vocabulary and language skills;
3. Preparation for academic success;
4. Developing a special bond with your child;
5. Increased concentration and discipline;
6. Improved imagination and creativity
7. Cultivating a lifelong love of reading.

Covid-19 Testing

With symptoms

‘PCR’ tests

When to take the test

- If you have Covid-19 symptoms
- To confirm your positive lateral flow test result

How long it takes

- These tests are processed in labs
- Up to 3 days, most results the next day

Get a test

- At home
- At a test site



Without symptoms

‘rapid lateral flow’ tests

When to take the test

- If you do not have symptoms of Covid-19
- As part of routine testing twice a week

How long it takes

- Result processed by test device
- Around 30 minutes

Get a test

- At home
- At your secondary school
- At a test site
- At your university
- At work
- Collect from a pharmacy
- At your nursery
- Order online

Find out more at [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)
or call 119