



Warley Road Primary Academy

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NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK!



It is with a great deal of pride that I write to you as the new headteacher of Warley Road Academy. Over the course of the week I have met lots of smiling, polite and smart children. Parents and visitors have taken the time to say hello and welcomed me to both Warley Road and the community, which I now serve. On behalf of all the staff, governors and Impact trust, please accept our sincere thanks for your patience and support in getting the children back to school safely and ready for learning.

Attendance rose steadily and our average for the week was 93%. This is some way from our goal of 96%. We will continue to offer support in ensuring all children are back, unless they are ill or Covid19 is a factor. Mrs Iqbal is available each morning and you will see members of the leadership team outside (high Viz vests), who will be happy to answer questions. Our aim is to build confidence in these first few weeks as we all adjust to the impact of Covid19. I believe that the current arrangements will be in place well into the start of the new year and possibly until the end of the academic year. I'd like to thank you for your patience and support. Getting all children in and out safely and as quickly as possible is our main aim, whilst keeping adults safe by maintaining social distancing advice and by wearing face masks. Please take the time to read this newsletter carefully. There will be a newsletter each month and we will be launching an App, where information will be posted regularly. Similarly, information about new initiatives will be 'Tweeted' and I would encourage all parents to download the free App. In the current circumstances we are prevented from inviting parents and carers inside so staying in touch and lines of communication are really key in keeping you informed.

Lesley Heathcote

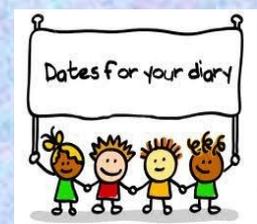
Dates for your diary

Skipping days- Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th (watch Twitter)

Monday 28th September- Y4 Greek Workshop

Tuesday 22nd September- Y6 start work on MYWY Lit Fest production

School closes on Friday 23rd October and re-opens on Tuesday 3rd November



School logo and Uniform



We have been busy over the summer with improvements to both the inside and outside of the building. We have also been working on a new logo and many of you will have noticed that the signage has been removed from the front of the building. New designs were developed using the building as a starting point.

Year 6 are working with an artist and developing their own ideas. It is our intention to launch the new logo after the October half term and Mrs Frankland will be writing with more information.

ALL children will be given a free jumper with the new logo. The old-style jumpers may still be worn up until the end of the Spring term (April 2021). Alongside the new logo, all classes will be given a new name and new signage will start to appear around school and on the outside of the building.



Organisational change



Following the unprecedented amount of time children have been away from school and the need to 'catch up' with lost learning time, we are consulting on the following changes to the school week, which would become permanent and take effect following the October half term. The main driver is to ensure that all pupils at Warley Road have access to high quality direct teaching time Monday- Friday (including Friday afternoons). This coupled with changes to the school day, will allow more time for interventions and 'catch up' programmes as they are introduced.

The consultation period will end on Friday 9th October. Comments can be returned via the tear off slip attached or alternatively comments can be emailed to admin@warleyroadacademy.calderdale.sch.uk. The governing body will review all feedback at its next full meeting on Thursday 16th October. I will write again following the final decision. Please note the new name change for nurse, which will also come into effect from 2nd November.

Reception – Year 6	
Current	Proposed
School starts 8.50am	No change
School ends at 3.05pm- Years R-2 (Monday to Thursday)	School ends at 3.10pm- Years R- 2 (Monday- Friday)
School ends at 3.15pm -Years 3-6 (Monday to Thursday)	School ends at 3.15pm- Years 3-6 (Monday to Friday)

Nursery- New Times	
Little Sunbeams (Bobbins Nursery)	Big Sunbeams (Weavers Nursery)
8.40am – 11.40am	8.40am – 11.40am
12 noon – 3.00pm	12.15pm – 3.15pm

Parking

Please can we ask parents and carers to be considerate when parking on the roads around school. Please do not park on Eversley Mount as it is a private road. Can we also ask that the space around cars belonging to residents in Harewood Place is respected and that cars are NOT parked over drives or on the zig-zag markings in front of school.



We will be implementing a new cashless payment system after October Half Term. Further details will be sent out soon but in the meantime please could you complete and return the attached slip below showing your child's dinner pattern. Your child can choose either school dinner (SD) or a packed lunch (PL) from home each day but needs to stick to the same pattern every week (pizza day is on Friday each week)

EXAMPLE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meal Choice:- Dinner provided by school— SD	PL	PL	PL	SD	SD



Reply Slip

Name _____	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class _____					
Meal Choice:- Dinner provided by school— SD Sandwiches from home— PL					

Consultation Reply Slip

I would like to make the following comments:

Name _____ Child _____

Comments

I would like a call from a senior leader about my comments

Yes. No

Tel. No. if you would like a call _____