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WPS – Welcome back to school

Dear Parents/carers

I hope you have all had a lovely relaxing summer break. We are very much looking forward to your return to school this week.

Please find below some general information in preparation for pupils returning to school on Wednesday 6th September.

Arrival and pick up

Gates will continue to open at 8.40am with registers taken at 8.45am. Children arriving after this time should report to the Main Office.

At the end of the school day, pupils on the ground floor (EYFS and KS1 classes) can be picked up from their classroom door from 3.15pm. Pupils on the first floor (KS2) will be brought to you at 3.15pm on the Front Yard. This will help us to ensure their safe release to parents.

New Payment System

Due to required changes in the way you pay for lunches, clubs and trips, a new payment platform will be rolled out over the first week of the new school year. You will receive information regarding this with directions on how the payment system will work and how to access it. Until this is fully operational, children will be able to order their school meals in class as usual and payments can be made retrospectively.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will open on Wednesday 6th September. Registers have now been created and families have been informed of their timetable. Altogether we had 103 responses to our survey. Since then and with the registers created, we have received further requests for places at the Breakfast Club so a waiting list has been created for this service. We will always do our best to ensure as many families as possible can benefit from the free Breakfast Club but numbers for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are already at 80 pupils.

Golden Award Assemblies

We are very excited to share children's achievements with you once again in our Golden Assemblies. These will begin again on Friday 15th September.

- EYFS and KS1 Assemblies will be weekly on Fridays after drop off at 9.15am. Just make your way to the Hall door in order to come and join the celebration.

KS2 Assemblies will be weekly on Fridays before collection at 2.30pm. Access to assembly will also be through the Hall doors.

Uniform Guidance

General Uniform – please ensure all items are labelled with your child’s name. Sharpie pens are available in the school office.

- Sweatshirts/cardigans should be navy blue or black.
- Trousers should be full length, in navy blue, plain black or dark grey.
- Shorts should be dress shorts in navy blue, plain black or dark grey
- Polo shirts/Shirt should be white or blue.
- Skirts/pinafores should be navy blue, plain black or dark grey of a suitable length.
- Gingham dresses should be blue, worn in the summer months.
- Footwear should be black shoes or black trainers.

Make up or painted nails are not permitted in school.

A word about shoes

Please ensure that your children wear sensible shoes to school. Children are very active during the day both inside the school and in the playground. Their shoes need to be comfortable and safe.

In extreme weather children will be allowed to wear boots/wellingtons for their journey into school and then change into other school shoes.

Jewellery and Hair accessories

For safety reasons children should not wear jewellery. The only exceptions are stud earrings and essential religious items. Jewellery, including earrings, should not be worn during PE lessons. Newly pierced ears must be covered by tape supplied from home. This cannot be administered by Walkley staff. If your child cannot do this themselves they must come to school with tape already applied.

PE Kit

Children are required to wear their PE kits on their class PE days. The PE kit is comprised of the following items:

- T-shirts that are plain white with no logos.
- Shorts that are plain navy blue or black.
- Footwear should be trainers or plimsolls (preferably with non-marking soles) and must be a different pair to the footwear worn for the rest of the school day.
- A track suit or old sweatshirt can be used in colder weather.

Forest School

Year groups will share the Forest school for the week, meaning that children could visit Forest School any day from Monday to Friday on their designated week. Year 1 will be the first year group to access Forest School. This will be in the week commencing 18th September. Parents will receive reminders in the week before the scheduled class use.

School Newsletter and Curriculum Newsletter

The school newsletter will once again be circulated to all parents at the beginning of each half term. It will keep you updated with upcoming events, changes to schedule and will celebrate the achievements of the school community.

At the beginning of each half term you will also receive a curriculum newsletter that updates you on the learning that your child will undertake in school.

Kind regards

Mr Wallis and the whole Walkley Team