

Woodnewton – a learning community
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Dear Parents/ Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the start of this new academic year. We hope you have had a wonderful summer and have made many special family memories to treasure.

This year, we are looking forward to welcoming you into school more often. Here at Woodnewton, we strongly believe in working together as a team around ensuring every child receives the best possible education and experience at school. Staff will be focusing on building strong relationships with the children and ensuring the children feel safe and happy at school.

Please do not hesitate in letting us know if you have any worries or concerns about your child, however small. It is really important that we get it right for all children, and we strive to achieve this.

A curriculum year group newsletter will be sent to you shortly informing you of what your child will be learning this term. We are also looking forward to seeing you in school during the week commencing Monday 18th September for the Year Group Information sessions. Please do not worry if you are unable to attend these events, we will ensure that all information from these sessions are available to you via the school website. However, we would love to see as many of you as possible.

Just a reminder about the entrances in and out of school for the different Year Groups and arrangements for tomorrow morning:

Year 1 and Year 2 – The gates will open at 8.45 and close at 9.00. The Year 1 and Year 2 gate is the bottom KS1 gate along Woodnewton Way.

For Year 1, please walk your child straight into their new classroom.

For Year 2, please encourage your child to enter the classroom independently.

Year 3 and Year 4 - Entry via the Key Stage 2 House gate off Willowbrook Road. This area will be open from 8.35 but children should not be left unattended, as a member of staff will not be on the gates to supervise until 8.45. **Exit** will be from the KS2 playground gate off Rowlett Road next to the bike sheds. Children in Years 3 and 4 are to go straight into their classrooms.

Year 5 and Year 6 - Entry and exit via the Key Stage 2 playground off Rowlett Road, next to the bike sheds. The gates will open at 8.45 and close at 9.00.

For tomorrow morning only, children in Years 5 and 6, will be greeted on the playground by their class teachers to ensure expectations around accessing the stairs safely are demonstrated and reinforced.

Collecting your child

All KS2 children will be collected from our KS2 playground and then exit via the KS2 playground gate off Rowlett Road, next to the bike shed.

KS2 Playground Areas for your child to be collected from:

Year 3 children will be collected outside the main KS2 hall doors to the left.

Year 4 children will be collected near the Gazebo on the left of the playground.

Year 5 children will be collected to the right of the main KS2 hall doors.

Year 6 will be collected outside the Year 6 classroom by the trees.

We will all be around to help with any questions or queries about these arrangements. Please do not hesitate to ask for any clarification. We are always here to help.

Walking Home Years 5 and 6 children only:

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you wish for your child to walk home, then please can you ensure we have this in writing via a letter to the class teacher or an email to the office as your child will be unable to walk home until we receive this written permission. As circumstances change, at the beginning of each academic year, a new permission letter must be provided.

Please note, unless your child/ren are old enough to walk home by themselves with written permission (Year 5 and Year 6 only) they will need to be collected by someone who is 16 years old or above. We cannot let a child go home with anyone under the age of 16. If this happens, we will need to call one of the child's contacts to arrange a suitable alternative so the child can be collected.

We look forward to greeting the children tomorrow and to chatting with you all and getting to know our new parents and carers.

Thank you as always,

Yours sincerely,

Kate and Kim