

23rd July 2021

Parent Updates 23.07.21

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have now reached the end of this extraordinary year and right up until the last day we have had challenges to contend with. I have to begin by thanking all of the amazing pupils for their hard work and resilience through it all – you truly are a credit. Also, to all of the incredible, hard-working staff at Willow Green who have worked tirelessly to ensure the children are safe, happy and are provided with the best opportunities possible in these unprecedented times. I would also like to, once again, thank all of the parents and carers for your unwavering support, patience and understanding – this does not go un-noticed and really helps to make the difference for the staff and the children here in school.

Organisation for September

As it currently stands, with the removal of national restrictions, we are very much hoping that in September we will be able to return to school as normal. This would mean a return to our usual school day for all pupils:

	<u>Start</u>	-	<u>Finish</u>
Breakfast club	8.00am	-	8.45am
Nursery (AM)	8.45am	-	11.45am
Nursery (PM)	12.15pm	-	3.15pm
Reception – Y6	8.45am	-	3.15pm

We would also be looking to return to all of our other routines and procedures such as after school clubs, events, meetings etc. Currently there is no reason to believe that this will not happen. However, September is still 6 weeks away and, if we have learned anything over the past 18 months, it is that things can change. I will therefore be planning to provide more definite and comprehensive details of the September organisation in the week prior to our return, week commencing 30th August 2021.

INSET DAYS

Monday 6th September 2021 (School reopens Tuesday 7th September)

Monday 4th October 2021

Friday 22nd October 2021

Monday 6th June 2022

Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th July 2022

Year 6 Celebration

As you are undoubtedly aware, this week we had to close our Year 6 bubble. This was devastating for all involved and everyone at Willow Green felt so sad that the year ended like this for our wonderful cohort of Year 6's. They have shown themselves to be a resilient, hardworking group who have demonstrated all of the qualities you wish to see: they have led by example in terms of their behaviour and their attitude towards school life has been exemplary.

We therefore think it is important that this amazing group of children are given the opportunity to say goodbye to each other and the school and are currently formulating arrangements for a Summer Year 6 event here in school. Parents of the Year 6 children will be contacted to ascertain availability over the summer and we are hoping that we can provide them with an event that will include celebrations, activities and rewards for the children.

Staffing

The end of this year also sees us unfortunately saying goodbye to Mrs Potter and Mrs Jackson.

Mrs Potter has been with us since 2019 and is now moving on to pastures new. She will be greatly missed by pupils and staff and we all wish her every success for the future. Thank you, Mrs Potter.

Mrs Jackson joined us in January and has worked with children across the school and in particular with the Year 3 class. We would also like to extend our thanks to Mrs Jackson for all of her hard work and we wish her all the best in her new role.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to **Mrs Scott-Spencer** who has been working with our Year 3 children this half term – I know that they have really enjoyed their time with you. Thank you!

As previously shared, the teaching staff structure is as follows:

Nursery - Miss Frost
Reception - Miss Sidebottom
Year 1 - Miss Walker
Year 2 - Mrs Carpenter
Year 3 - Mr Coglán
Year 4 - Miss Elvidge
Year 5 - Miss Hill
Year 6 - Mr Duncan

As mentioned, further details around organisation will be shared in due course.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I hope you all enjoy a well-earned summer break and we look forward to seeing you back here in September.

Mr Parkinson
Head of Academy