



A childhood of experiences, for a lifetime of success

Head of Academy's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new term is nearly upon us and I hope you are as excited as we are for the new school year to begin. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and you are looking to, what I always says is my favourite term of the school year, the Autumn Term.

Over the Summer, teachers and staff have been working hard preparing the learning and the school site in readiness for the new academic year. we are all really excited for all of the wonderful things that will be taking place for our children here at Willow Green Academy.

Please take a look through this news letter for some of the key information and date you will need to be aware of prior to next week.

As Monday is a scheduled INSET day, we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday morning.

Enjoy the weekend

Mr Parkinson

Routines and the School Day:

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- Gates open at **8.30am**
- Children will be lined up by staff at **8.40am** ready to enter the school and start the school day at **8.45am**.
- Early Years will enter through the Early year entrance at **8.45am**.
- Gates will be locked at **9.00am**

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- Gates will be opened at **3.10pm**
- Children will finish the school day at **3.20pm** (Years 1-4 will be lined up on KS1 playground as before).

Parents must let the school know if there will be somebody different collecting their child at the end of the day. For safeguarding reasons, school staff are not permitted to let pupils leave with anyone without parental consent.

Uniform and Resources

Uniform is an important part of the Academy's identity and it reinforces who we are as a community and helps pupils to feel pride in their school. Our school uniform is compulsory from Upper Foundation (Reception) to Y6. It is optional in Lower Foundation (Nursery)

The uniform for children in Nursery to Year 5 consists of:

- Royal blue V-neck jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt (with or without logo)
- Grey or black trousers/skirt/pinafore
- White polo shirt, shirt or blouse.

The uniform for children in Year 6 consists of:

- Royal blue V-neck jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt (with or without logo)
- Tie (provided by the academy)
- White shirt or blouse Grey or black trousers/skirt/pinafore

All children are required to wear **plain black** shoes/trainers that should be appropriate and in good condition.

PE Kits

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PE sessions could take place indoors or outside, therefore we advise that pupils have the appropriate PE kits which should include:

- Black PE shorts/skort, white PE Shirt (plain or with academy logo)
- Additional warm outdoor PE wear: plain tracksuit top and bottoms (No football strips)
- Appropriate footwear must be worn that is suitable for playing inside or outside. (This footwear should be separate from any footwear used for general school uniform as they may get wet and muddy).

We encourage children to bring their kit in on Monday and take it home on Friday.

Jewellery

In the interest of health and safety jewellery is not worn in school. If your child has pierced ears, one small stud ear-ring in each lobe may be worn but must be covered (or removed) for PE with tape supplied by parents and must be removed for swimming.

* the full uniform policy can be found on the website

Packed lunch and Water bottles

We promote 'healthy eating' and ask parents to consider a healthy and varied a lunch as possible.

Pupils should bring a water bottle (with a non-spill lid) filled with water everyday. Fizzy drinks or cordial is not permitted.

Please see the academy website for the full packed lunch policy.

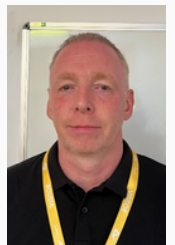
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Key Dates Autumn Term

- **Reading open classrooms 26th, 27th & 28th September**
- **McMillan coffee morning and SEN drop in session 29th September**
- **Maths open classrooms 11, 12 & 13th October**
- **Harvest festival 20th October (donations for foodbank)**
- **Parents' evenings 25th & 26th October**
- **Halloween non-uniform 27th October**
- **Flu immunisations 9th November**
- **Children in Need - non-uniform 17th November**
- **KS2 carol concert 1st December**
- **Christmas Fayre & Christmas jumper day, 7th December.**
- **KS1 Christmas nativity 14th December**

Mr Morris

We are pleased to welcome our new site supervisor Mr Morris. I'm sure our whole school community will welcome him to Willow Green



Attendance

At Willow Green we are committed to promoting high levels of attendance. Throughout the year pupils and groups of pupils will be recognised for good attendance through a range of rewards and certificates. We will continue to work with parents and families to support high levels of attendance.

Important: Parents must let the academy know as soon as possible if their child is not attending school. Failure to do so may result in the need for school staff to carry out a home visit as part of our safeguarding processes.