



Worth Valley Primary School NEWSLETTER

11 September 2020

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

What a wonderful week it has been! A warm welcome back to all our pupils; particularly our new starters.



I couldn't be prouder of how quickly and easily the children and staff have adapted to our new 'normal' over the course of the week. That said, I think I speak for every single one of us when I say we're definitely experiencing a whole new level of tiredness!

To all our parents and carers—thank you for your patience, understanding and positive comments this week. Initial teething problems are inevitable as we adapt and review our practice continuously in line with government guidance.

The morning drop-off slot between 8.30am and 8.50am has been a success and pupils are confident and happy coming into the school grounds by themselves. Could I please remind parents and carers to contact me via telephone or email if you have any queries—this helps to reduce congestion at the school gates.

As you know, earlier in the week, we amended our arrangements at the end of the day to incorporate a full one-way system through the school grounds. The speed and fluidity of this arrangement has improved over the course of the week and this system will remain in place for the foreseeable future. Again, could I please politely remind parents to observe social distancing when queuing on Bracken Bank Crescent and whilst in the school grounds.

Early Years

Could parents and carers of pre-school, nursery and reception children please take note of the following important information:

To ensure the safety of our smallest learners and ensure transition is as smooth as possible, the following arrangements will be in place from Monday for the **end of the school day**:

(for those pupils attending morning sessions, existing arrangements remain in place).

Pre-school	Collected from pre-school classroom door (in pre-school playground)
Nursery	Collected from Nursery outdoor area (near shutter)
Reception	Collected from Reception classroom door (in outdoor area)

All parents collecting children from these three classes will enter the school grounds via the vehicle gate, walk down through the KS2 playground and enter Early Years via the wooden pre-school gate, collect their children and exit the outdoor area via the reception gate to re-join the one-way system towards the small gate on Bracken Bank Crescent. Several members of staff will be on hand in the playground to help direct!

Please be reassured that a great deal of thought and planning goes into each decision we make and the safety of your children will always be our utmost priority. The Trust ensures that the latest government guidance is adhered to and if you would like further information, our risk assessment is available to read on the school website.



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Arrival information for each year group

Year	Arrival time	Gate	School entrance
6	8.30am-8.50am	Main gate	Main office
5	8.30am-8.50am	Main gate	Main office
4	8.30am-8.50am	Main gate	Y3/4 cloakroom
3	8.30am-8.50am	Main gate	Y3/4 cloakroom
2	8.30am-8.50am	Main gate	Main office
1	8.30am-8.50am	Main gate	Y3/4 cloakroom
Reception	8.30am-8.50am	Small gate	Reception door
Nursery	8.30am-8.50am	Small gate	Nursery door
Pre-school	8.40am prompt (am) 12.15pm prompt (pm)	Small gate	Pre-school door

- To reduce the pedestrian traffic on Bracken Bank Crescent, only one parent should accompany their child to school. Please avoid gathering with other families around the school gates
- Parents, visitors and contractors will not be permitted on site without an appointment, with the exception of the end of the school day to collect children
- Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be at the gates each morning to greet children and help direct them to their correct point of entry; the Early Years team will ensure our youngest children are accompanied into school from their gate
- The register will be taken at 8.55am prompt; any pupils arriving after the register has been taken will be marked late. Pupils arriving after 9.15am will be marked absent for the whole session**

Attendance

Attendance figures for the last week are as follows:

w/c 7 September 2020	
Reception	77.86%
Year 1	94.58%
Year 2	97.32%
Year 3	89.33%
Year 4	90.63%
Year 5	93.1%
Year 6	97.5%



7.45am—8.15am.

The organisation will largely be the same, though children will sit with pupils from their class, or 'bubble' to eat rather than interact with other year groups. As staff will need to be stationed at different locations within school by 8.30am, we will not be able to accept any children after 8.15am. Please use the main gate, where a member of staff will greet children from 7.45am.

Lunchtimes

Current restrictions mean that along with lunches being delivered to classrooms, all food is provided in disposable packaging. We cannot provide cutlery and menus are specifically designed to ensure options are finger-food only, such as burgers, cheese whirls, hot dogs etc. If you send your child with a yogurt as part of their packed lunch, please provide a spoon! Thank you

