

Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

Hoping that you all had a very restful and relaxing Easter holiday. It is lovely to welcome the children back as we start the summer term. We just need some summer weather now!

Breakfast/ASC

A reminder that these clubs are only for working parents, <u>when you are at work</u>. The clubs are very popular and are often over-subscribed so we would appreciate you using them only when needed.

Although provision is available until 5.30pm you should collect your child once you have finished work and not wait until 5.30pm.

Also, please be careful when booking online. We have had several occasions recently where parents have booked the same days several times, meaning spaces are blocked for other parents trying to book their children in. You should get a confirmation email with the dates that you have booked. If you do book twice or need to cancel, please contact school so we can free up the space.

For information, the bookings for May will be available online this weekend.

Parking

As you are aware, our school is positioned in a residential area. Therefore, could you please park and drive safely along with being mindful of residents when you choose to drive your child to school.

Parents should not be parking on the zig-zags between the hours of 8.00am and 4.00pm. It is also illegal to park on double yellow lines unless you have a disability badge. Residents have also asked that you do not block their drives.

Cashless

As we continue to try to minimize risk with regard to COVID-19, we are keeping the amount of cash handled by school to an absolute minimum. The only cash we will accept will be for tuck on a Monday morning. All other purchases must be made via your child's Squid account or a payment into the school bank account. Please contact the school office if you need these details or any clarification.

COVID-19

Although the country is slowly coming out of lockdown, we must not be complacent with the measures that are in place to prevent transmission of this virus. Mansfield (of which Warsop is a part) has one of the highest infection rates in the country so we must all do our bit to reduce these figures. Please continue to adhere to the timings below, wear a mask on the school site and continue to socially distance. Please also remember that mixing between bubbles is still only allowed outside and is restricted to 6 people/2 households.

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WORK HARD, BE KIND

Both sets of gates will be open from 8.25am. Children are expected to arrive between 8.25am and 8,45am. They will enter through one of the sets of gates and go straight up to their classroom. Staff will be around to direct children to the correct place. Where possible adults should **NOT** come on to the school playground and allow their child to enter the school ground independently. If an adult brings their child onto the playground because they feel the child is not able to enter school without them, they **MUST** leave the school grounds as soon as their child has entered the school building. At 8.45am the gates will be closed. Anyone arriving after that time will have to buzz at the main school gate and wait for someone to let them in.

The dismissal times are:

- 2.45pm for EYFS (Foundation)
- 2.55pm for Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3 & Y4)
- 3.00pm for Key Stage One (Y1 & Y2)
- 3.00pm for Upper Key Stage Two (Y5 & Y6)

If your child is in Key Stage Two and is able to walk home or meet you just away from the school grounds please do this, as it will minimize the number of people on the school grounds.

Dogs on site

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school site. If you do bring your dog with you to school, then please wait outside the school gates.

Office Hours

Another reminder that school office hours are 8.00am until 3.30pm.

Although staff are in the school building earlier and later than the above hours, they all have other tasks to do so may not answer your call.

If you do ring school and your call is not answered please leave a message.



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