

10 July 2020

Dear parents/carers,

I hope this email finds you and your family safe and well.

I want to begin by thanking you for your support and patience throughout the past few weeks since school closed to most pupils on 20th March. It has been a challenging time for everyone and we appreciate everything you have done to support your children with their home learning. Since Monday 15th June, we have opened to more pupils and we currently have some children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6 attending each day. It has been wonderful to be able to welcome children back into the building and we are looking forward to seeing all the children again in September.

Autumn Term

You may have seen that the government released guidance last week to enable schools to plan to open to all pupils in September. It is the government’s plan that all schools will welcome back all pupils full time from the start of the autumn term. We are now in the process of updating our risk assessments and our plans to ensure that we do this with all of the safety measures in place. I will write to you again by next Thursday, 16th July, with further information about our plans for September. Some of the current safety measures that we have in place for the pupils already attending will remain, for example regular hand washing, pupils in ‘bubbles’ which do not mix with other bubbles, staggered break times and lunchtimes.

A quick reminder that the school day will end at 3:15pm every day (including Friday) from September.

To enable us to ensure that we are fully prepared to welcome back all pupils in September, we have planned an additional INSET day in the autumn term to finalise our plans. The staff INSET days will now be Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September. **This means that pupils will return to school on Thursday 3rd September.** The holiday dates for the next academic year can be found on the school website.

The parent guidance for the autumn term can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Staffing Update

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to some members of staff. Mrs Woodruff, Miss Abbas, Mr Smith, Miss Bostock, Mr Graham and Miss Mehmood are all moving on at the end of the term. I am sure you will join me in thanking these staff for their dedication and contributions to Werneth throughout their time with us. We have made a number of excellent appointments and in September, we welcome Mrs Zanelli, Mrs Beswick, Miss Derbyshire and Miss Murphy as class teachers, and Mrs Newton and Miss Bolger as Teaching Assistants.

Please find below the list of class teachers for next year. Please note that the children will retain their current class ‘letter’, e.g. 1A become 2A, 3B become 4B, 5A become 6A etc.

Year Group	Teacher	Year Group	Teacher
Nursery	Mrs Hawkins	Year 3A	Mr O’Leary
Rec Blue	Mrs Zannelli	Year 3B	Miss Tomlinson
Rec Green	Mrs Moores Mrs Gregory	Year 4A	Miss Derbyshire
Year 1A (current Rec Green)	Mrs Beeley	Year 4B	Miss Begum
Year 1B (current Rec Blue)	Miss Rahman	Year 5A	Miss Swallow
Year 2A	Miss Davenport	Year 5B	Mrs Lucas
Year 2B	Mrs Beswick	Year 6A	Miss Murphy Mrs Casella
		Year 6B	Mrs Duckworth Mrs Casella

Class teachers are busy creating a video to introduce themselves to their new class. We are hoping to be able to share these with you early next week.

Annual Pupil Reports

On Monday, you will receive an email with a copy of your child’s end of year report. If we do not currently have your email address, please send it to support@wernethprimary.org.uk. This is currently our main method of communication to parents. If you do not have access to email and you need a copy of your child’s report to be posted to your address, please let staff know during the weekly phone calls.

Summer Holidays

The summer term ends on Friday 17th July and school will be closed to all pupils over the summer holidays, including to pupils of key workers. Staff will not be making weekly phone calls or responding to emails throughout the holidays. However, if you need any support or advice during this time, the support@wernethprimary.org.uk email address will be checked each day by a member of the senior leadership team.

Below is a list of organisations who can offer support in a range of different situations:

ChildLine & Samaritans

If you are being abused, or if you just need to speak to someone, you can contact www.childline.org.uk on 0800 1111 or the Samaritans www.samaritans.org on 116 123 or at jo@samaritans.org if you do not have access to a phone.

Social Services

Emergency Duty Team (Out of Hours): 0161 770 6936

Children and Adults Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (Office Hours): 0161 770 7777

SHOUT

The SHOUT Crisis Text Service 24/7 is especially helpful if you’re concerned about your feelings or you are struggling to deal with things. This text service is specially designed to get you the right support quickly - 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Depending on where you live, follow the instructions below and you will be individually allocated support from specially trained staff:

Text GMOldham to 85258

School Uniform

Please find attached order forms for EYFS/KS1 and KS2 uniform. If you would like to order uniform ready for September, please could you complete the order forms and return them next week to info@wernethprimary.org.uk. Parents will then be provided with an appointment time at the end of the summer holidays to be able to come to school and collect their order.

Dream Big Sports Summer Provision

We are delighted to provide you with some information about summer holiday provision which is being organised by Dream Big Sports, in partnership with The Pinnacle Learning Trust. The provision will be based at The Hathershaw College each week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) at a cost of just £6 per day, with a packed lunch included in the price. Further information can be found at dreambigsports.co.uk/holiday-camp-bookings.

Below is a link to details of how parents can make applications for their children to receive free school meals. If you think that your child may be eligible, please follow the link below.

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200231/education_grants_and_allowances/161/free_school_meals

For any queries about free school meals you can contact the Council on 0161 770 6688 or email benefits@oldham.gov.uk.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to our Year 6 pupils who leave us this term ready to begin secondary school in September. We are immensely proud of everything you have achieved during your time at Werneth and we hope that you will look back fondly on the years you have spent with us. All of the staff will miss you. Although we are not able to celebrate your final week in the way we would have liked, we are looking forward to seeing you next week when you visit with your parent to collect your leavers' gift. Good luck for the next stage of your education and we hope you will be able to come back and visit us in the near future.

If you have any other questions or there is anything you are unsure of, please contact me using the support@wernethprimary.org.uk address.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Simon Whittaker
Acting Principal