



# WIMBLEDON CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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11 September 2020

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to school. It has been lovely to see our new Nursery and Reception children join us and for the rest of the children to be settling into their new school routine. We also have a number of children in various year groups who have joined us and we hope they settle quickly into our school community.

This year, the children stay in their year groups for lunch. They seem to particularly enjoy eating lunch with their friends, as school meals and packed lunches now sit together.

Despite measures, we are aware there are times that it is difficult to socially distance, so parents might like to have a mask to hand to use in these circumstances. We are all aware that transmission in schools is predominantly due to adults rather than children. This is one of the reasons we request one adult per household on site and the importance of children being dropped off and collected at their allocated times.



A polite reminder that children, including pre-school children, are not allowed to play on the equipment before or after school. This is particularly important as year group bubbles are allocated the equipment during breaktime and we do not want to increase any risk of transmission through multiple use.

For parents wishing to drop their children at the Merton Hall Road entrance to the school, we request you drop off at the front of the Site Manager's house and vacate through the car park. This will enable a one way flow within the school grounds to be maintained. We are in discussions with the Local Authority and our local councillors to request that WCPS can participate in the School Streets Programme.



The **year group newsletters** to share what the children are learning, are available today on the school website and we hope you find these informative. The **'Meet the Teacher'** information will be available on the school website on **Monday 21st September**. If you have any further queries that have not been addressed within this information, you are welcome to contact your child's class teacher, who will be available to call you. More details to follow.

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Attached are the 2020/21 School dates for your diary. Please note that **Friday 23rd October** is a school **INSET day** when school will be closed to children. **Parent Consultations** for the Autumn term will take place on **Wednesday 21st October [3.30 to 5.30pm]** and throughout the day on **Friday 23rd October**. These meetings [including the IESP meetings] will be held via video conferencing (or telephone if preferred) and details of how to book these appointments will be sent out in due course.



Parents of children with Individual Educational Support Plans [IESPs] will receive the draft IESPs on **Thursday 8th October** and these will be finalised once you have shared information during your virtual **IESP parent meetings**. These meetings will be held the week commencing the **12th October**.

The **individual/sibling photos** will take place on **Thursday 15th and Friday 16th October**.

### Hellos and Goodbyes

This year we have been joined by Miss Lawson in the Nursery and Ms Warrender in 5C; we know that you will welcome them into the school community.

After 13 years of teaching at Wimbledon Chase, Ms Darlington has retired from teaching to focus on her health. She is an inspirational teacher who will be greatly missed within our school. An avid reader herself, Ms Darlington instilled a love of reading amongst the children she taught and was also the champion of our participation in the Wimbledon Bookfest. In recent years, Ms Darlington set up and delivered the Mindfulness curriculum to staff, pupils and parents. Something that we will continue to deliver but we will truly miss her passion and enthusiasm for this. We are now so happy that she is spending this time with family and friends.

### What's New?

We are delighted to introduce **Chess in Schools**, a national charity, to Wimbledon Chase. Mr Vladimir Agasaryan will primarily be teaching children in years 4 and 5 throughout the year. Chess is known to develop logical thinking and problem solving skills as well as promoting good sportsmanship and resilience.



Kindest Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Augustin".

Jill Augustin  
**Headteacher**

Dates for your diary

<b>September</b>	
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Year Group Newsletters out + topic webs out
<b>w/b Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<i>Meet the Teacher</i> slides published
<b>w/b Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Parent calls available this week
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Virtual Class Rep welcome meeting 9:30am
<b>w/b Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent calls available this week
<b>October</b>	
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Flu jabs for Years Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>IESPs to parents</b>
<b>w/b Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>IESP Virtual Parent meetings</b>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Reception Sponsored Frog Jump
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Individual & sibling photographs
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Individual & sibling photographs
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Virtual Parent Consultations 3.30 – 5.30</b>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Last day of Autumn 1 Year group finish times</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY Virtual Parent Consultation meetings</b>
<b>November</b>	PARENT
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Start of Autumn 2 term</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Phonics & Ready to Read video workshop [Early Years parents]