



# WIMBLEDON CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

## WELCOME

A very warm welcome back to all children, parents and carers. I do hope that you and your family all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all the new families joining Wimbledon Chase; we are very happy that you have joined us and I am sure the current parents and carers will make you feel very welcome. The children have really enjoyed their first couple of days in their new classes and the teachers have also enjoyed working with them.



## COVID GUIDANCE

I hope that you received the information we sent out regarding the changes and precautions that we are taking around the latest guidance regarding the pandemic. We will be publishing our updated School Risk Assessment next week as well as the Frequently Asked Questions for parents.

We are asking parents to still socially distance, remain behind the roped off areas at drop off and pick up and to wear a mask if coming into the school building. There will also be a coned off area for Year 3 from next week.

We will be receiving updated guidance and will communicate this with you next week.

[Please follow this link for a reminder of the changes at school.](#)

[Return to Education Primary School Leaflet](#)

## MEET THE TEACHER

We will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' sessions next week, which outline the work the children will be doing across the year and answering any questions about how best to support your children in their learning. These are useful sessions which each family is very welcome to attend.



This will be the first face to face parent engagement event for a while and I am sure that there may be some anxiety about attending. We will be posting

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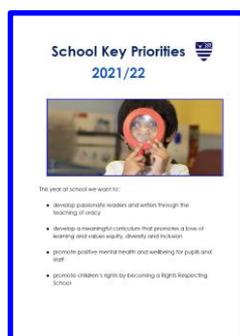


the slides on the school website for anybody that cannot attend and you can always contact your child's teacher with specific questions through their Home/School diary.

We have decided to reduce risks by holding the meetings in the school hall, asking **that only 1 member per family attend** and that **parents wear face masks** when they come into school.

YEAR 1	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 – 9.30am
YEAR 2	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 – 9.30am
ARK & STUDY	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00 - 10.30am
YEAR 3	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	2.45 – 3.15pm
YEAR 4	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	8.30 – 9.00am
YEAR 5	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	8.30 – 9.00am
YEAR 6	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	8.30 – 9.00am

For those parents attending, please wait in the playground area in front of the office until called.



### SCHOOL KEY PRIORITIES

Each year at Wimbledon Chase, we have a number of key priorities taken from our School Development Plan that are shared with the whole school community, with the School Council, all children, Governors, parents and staff working together in order to achieve them.

Our priorities this year include continuing to support children's learning and wellbeing following on from the time children spent at home.

[Please follow this link for our School Key Priorities.](#)



### RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

The school started its UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools journey last term. The Rights Respecting Schools Award promotes children's rights, giving children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens following the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Schools start the journey by teaching about children's rights through lessons and assemblies and aim to achieve the Bronze, then Silver and finally Gold award.

I am pleased to say that we have achieved the Bronze Award and will be working to achieve the Silver Award by the end of the year.

### ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS

I spent a very enjoyable day during the summer break, visiting the Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show 2021, not least because two of the exhibits were created by Wimbledon Chase pupils, Amelia (Year 6, below at the exhibition) and Leonardo who is now in Year 7. [You can](#)

[still view the exhibition online by following this link](#); type in Minotaur or colour in the search bar to see the Wimbledon Chase artists' work!



### SUMMER WORKS

If you passed by the school in the summer break you will have noticed that there was a hive of building activity going on. We had the gutters and down drain pipes on the front of the school replaced and the fascia above the school office entrance painted.

More importantly for the children, the girls' toilets were also refurbished. Many thanks go to the Friends as without their financial help we could not have completed the project.

Before



After



### FRIENDS

Unfortunately, for various reasons, we will not be able to hold the Friends' Family Fun Day on 11<sup>th</sup> September. However, the Friends have many exciting events planned for the rest of the year - watch this space!

### LOST PROPERTY & NAMING CLOTHING

We had a huge amount of lost property at the end of last term (21 bin bags). We have a fantastic volunteer who sifted through the lost property and returned named items to their owners, the rest was sent to St Raphaels charity and the British Heart Foundation. We try to return lost property to children if clothing is named and unnamed clothing goes into the green container outside the dining hall.

Please can we make a plea to name the children's clothing (a biro will last for half a term) so that we can return lost property when it goes astray. We think we are passing on a fortune in children's clothes each year. Thank you.

## **DATES**

Please find some important dates for your diary [follow the link](#) - we will add to these as the term progresses.

## **FINALLY**

Mrs Burnett will be writing to you all next week regarding clubs for the term

Have a great weekend, we look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming 'Meet the Teacher' meetings.

Best wishes



Mr. K. Ellis  
**Headteacher**