



Dear Parents and Carers,

*Working together, to do our best*

I hope you and your young people are settling well into the new term?

We have been working hard at raising standards and are making improvements to our environment, transport and uniform. Please see information below.

## Morning Routines

Our school day officially starts at **9:00am**, which means pupils need to be in classrooms ready to learn by this time. To support this, we are now opening our doors from **8.50am**. Staff will be on hand to welcome students and take them to class for a calm and prompt start.


Some of our transport already arrives in good time, but others are still reaching us as late as 9:20am. As you can imagine, arriving 20 minutes late disrupts learning and makes it difficult for pupils to settle. We've notified Transport that they can begin to arrive from **8:45am**, and that all students should be in school by **9:00am** at the latest. This may have a knock-on effect on pick up times. I have spoken to transport this morning, and they have requested that you speak with your drivers to confirm times.

We are also introducing **new morning classroom routines** to help pupils feel regulated and ready to learn—so it's important that everyone is in class on time to benefit from these activities.


Obviously, we know that on occasion lateness cannot be avoided, but where possible please ensure that your young person is with us by 9am.

The safety and wellbeing of all our pupils is always our top priority. To help make arrivals and departures smoother and safer, we will be trialling separate entrances and exits for our primary and secondary pupils. From **Monday 29th September**, all **primary pupils (with the exception of Lime class)** should be dropped off and collected from the **primary gate at the bottom of the car park**. This change will mean pupils can enter one at a time, helping them to feel calmer and less overwhelmed at the start of the day. Staff will be there, as always, to greet and support the children. When bringing your young person to and from the car, please ensure that you stay on the path in front of the building. If you are walking into school, then please cross the carpark on the zebra crossing, pass reception and proceed along the path to the gate. We kindly ask for your patience as we all get used to the new routine over the first few days.

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Our **secondary pupils** will continue to enter and exit through the **main entrance** as usual.

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Thank you in advance for your support in helping us make these improvements for our pupils.

## Uniform Update

We've been reviewing our current uniform. After chatting with some parents, we're exploring the idea of changing the **primary school sweatshirt colour** to one that's more readily available from September 2026. We're currently in the research stage—looking at suppliers, costs, sensory suitability, and even the possibility of setting up a small uniform shop through the Hub!

In the meantime, please ensure students attend in:

- **Black or grey** tracksuit bottoms, trousers, pinafore or skirt (no jeans)
- **Navy or white polo shirt** (plain is fine)
- **Secondary:** navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- **Primary:** green sweatshirt or cardigan (if you already have a WHS logo sweatshirt, please continue to wear that!)

Uniform plays an important role in helping pupils feel a sense of belonging, and we want them to wear it with pride. If you are struggling to provide uniform, please let us know and we will try our best to help.


Thank you, as always, for your support as we continue to grow and improve together.


Kind regards,

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