

24th September 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience and understanding this week as we are getting our first few positive tests for Covid. I know it makes everyone anxious and start to dread going back to bubbles etc., but please be reassured I am in regular contact with public health services and the Department for Education and they are happy with the measures we have in place. We are trying to keep the routines going for the children but we have made a couple of temporary adjustments just to be cautious. We have suspended singing assemblies and at lunch time we have gone back to sitting in year groups in the dining room rather than letting the children sit where they wished.

We do know how disruptive this is for families when we call when a child is coughing and ask you to organise a PCR test, but they are coming back very quickly, often within 24 hours; we are just doing our best to try to keep everyone safe.

Sickness

Thank you to all parents for calling in when their child is going to be absent. Can we please ask that when you are leaving a voicemail, calling or emailing that you are quite specific when stating why your child will not be attending school. This is so that we can keep track of anyone showing Covid symptoms, and advising a PCR test to be taken where necessary. Please remember that negative results of the PCR test must be forwarded to the admin email address (admin@willowbrook.devon.sch.uk) before your child comes back to school. Thank you.

Photographs

Apologies for postponing the school photos, but we have rearranged them for November and will send a reminder nearer the time.

Ding a Ling

This group has started up again for parents and children under school age. It's straight after drop off on Friday morning until 11am in the Community Room. Just come to the community room doors and you will be welcomed. Children can play together and have a snack and sing...not all at the same time! It is a great way of getting children used to the school environment.

Lunches

We are going to do some taster sessions for our new menus. They will be on the playground at the end of the school day on the following dates.

Wed 29th September – ks1 3.15

Tuesday 5th October – ks2 3.15

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If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please log onto the citizens' portal at https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en and the worst that it will say is no! It really helps the school if everyone who is eligible registers as this is one of the measures they use to decide school funding.

School Site

We are still having a one way system around the site. Thank you to the parents who are doing this. Please can we ask ALL ADULTS to do this as some parents are very anxious about the crowding that can occur around the entrances. We will have as many staff out as we can to guide you...please be polite to them.

School Gates

Due to some parents unlocking the back gate we will now have a padlock on the gate until the staff on duty remove it at 8.30. The gate will then be padlocked at 9am. Please remember that the front gate should open at 8.30 and at 3.10. Please do not come on site before this as there is no one to supervise children. Thank you.

Music Tuition

It is great to see so many children wanting to learn an instrument. Miss Hughes has passed all the application forms to the tutors and they should get in touch with you directly.

Trip Money

Thank you to parents that have already paid money for school trips, just a small reminder to please drop the money into the school office rather than handing over to the class teachers.

Library – Year 5 and 6

From next week Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are very welcome to come in from 8.30 to take out a reading book from the library. As we've had a couple of positive cases, and to minimise any risks, the children will need to do this unaccompanied by their parent/carer. Thank you.

Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Macaroni Cheese with Homemade Focaccia Bread and Sweetcorn	Butchers Sausages with Mash, Gravy and Braised Cabbage	Roast Turkey Breast, Roast or Creamed Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables with Optional Gravy	Pulled Chicken Wrap with Potato Wedges and Peas	Golden Fish Fingers, French Fries and Veggie Sticks
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
Onion Bhaji Flatbread with Mango Chutney and Mint Raita, with Round Potatoes and Sweetcorn	Light Cauliflower and Sweet Potato Korma with Wholemeal Sunshine Rice	Stuffed Courgette Gratin with Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables	Hand Stretched Focaccia Bread Pizza with Wedges and Peas	Grilled Halloumi and Roasted Red Pepper Burger with French Fries and Veggie Sticks
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
Apple Flapjack	Apple and Sultana Slice	Fresh Fruit	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Cookie