

# WAKEFIELD METHODIST (VC) J, I & N SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a year this has been so far, hopefully, when we begin the next academic year things will start to become a little more normal.

Before I start to explain about arrangements for September I would like to say I hope you and your families are all well and to say that as a staff team we are all really looking forward to all children returning to school from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September (Nursery and Reception will be staggered in from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, details will follow from Mrs Simpson). We have all missed our school family so much and we are keen to welcome you all back in a way that keeps children, staff, parents and wider families as safe as possible. I want to thank all of you for your efforts during online learning and say that you have been amazing at supporting children on Seesaw, Dojo and all our other online programs. The children's end of year reports have been posted out to you. For the children in school they will be given out on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July with school closing for Summer Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

As you know we have been open throughout lockdown for key worker and vulnerable children and from June 15<sup>th</sup> for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 6, as well as continuing to care for key worker and vulnerable children. To enable this, we undertook a thorough risk assessment and many of the principles we have in place will continue when all children return in September. In light of this I am able to provide some details about what school will be like. We will have to amend things to accommodate all children and follow the new guidance but a full and more detailed letter will be emailed/put on the website once our final arrangements have been made. Please note that these plans may be subject to change over the Summer if government guidance changes, as it did many times during the course of lockdown and wider re-opening. The main principles of the new guidance are that children can now be in bubbles of approx. 30 with constant/consistent, (where possible) teacher/s and teaching assistant/s. Handwashing will still be encouraged often and bubbles will stay apart from other bubbles as much as possible to slow the spread of the virus. We will re-evaluate these measures often and hope some of them may change after October half term.

From September children will be dropped off by parents at different gates and their start and finish times staggered. These gates are clearly labelled. Children with siblings can be dropped off together at the youngest siblings start gate/time and then they will be directed where to go.

Nursery and Reception – Gate 3 (Thornleigh side of school) Times to be announced.

Year 1 & 2 – Gate 2 (Field Lane side of school) Times to be announced.

Year 3 & 4 – Gate 1 (Field Lane side of school) Times to be announced.

Year 5 & 6 – Gate 4 (Thornleigh side of school) Times to be announced.



Children will be eating packed lunches brought in from home (in an easily cleaned or disposable box/bag) or a grab bag supplied by school in classrooms. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free grab bag as part of their universal school meals entitlement. Year 3,4,5 and 6 can purchase a grab bag lunch for £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week.

In order that bubbles of children are not mixing and staff remain consistent we are unable to offer before and after-school care until at least October half term, when plans will be re-evaluated.

Children will be expected to wear school uniform (clean each day), however on P.E days they will come to school in their P.E kit appropriate to the weather that day. Children will need a suitable waterproof coat and shoes as we will be having playtimes outdoors whenever possible. Children will also be doing all P.E outdoors in the first half term as per the government guidance.

Children will only bring to school essential items such as a lunchbox (where appropriate) and a full water bottle (2 if the weather is hot). Water fountains/machines in school will not be used.

Children will have a reading book that stays in school and home reading will be set online through Bug Club for the first half term.

During the coming weeks I hope to be able to update you further on more detailed plans.

Next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July there will be a 'Meet the Teacher' activity on Seesaw for your child to be welcomed by their new teacher with a short transition activity, this is to be completed and posted on Seesaw.

There will also be an opportunity next Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July to collect your child's exercise books from this year. The bags of books will be placed in named bags on tables in the car park on the Field Lane side of school. A time slot will be sent to you by text and you can collect books at your allotted time. Can I request that whilst you are queuing for books you adhere to social distancing guidelines. Children already attending school will bring them home at some point next week.

These are the staffing arrangements for 2020/2021 academic year. The table below shows the different year groups and the teachers who will be teaching in that year group.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Teacher/s</b>
Nursery	Mrs Waite/Mrs Simpson
Reception	Mrs Simpson/Mrs Harris
Class 1	Mrs Trainor
Class 2	Mrs Ward
Class 3	Mrs Taylor
Class 4	Miss Allen/Mrs Watkins
Class 5	Mrs Clark
Class 6	Mrs Earnshaw

Please note that Mrs Simpson and Mrs Walker will be working with Year 1 for the first two days of term (8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September) to support the children moving from Reception into Year 1.

If you have any further questions or would like to discuss anything contained in this letter please ring the school office or email me on [headteacher@methodist.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@methodist.wakefield.sch.uk)

Yours Sincerely  
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Headteacher