



## West End Academy

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### Welcome Back

Welcome back to the beginning of a new school year. I hope that you've all had a great summer. The children have come back to school fantastically well and ready to learn. They all look really smart in their school uniforms too. I would like to welcome all of our new children and new staff to the academy. You'll have had the chance to meet them this week and I'm sure they'll be very happy with us!

Mr McGowan and all of our cleaning staff have worked very hard over the holidays to make sure the building is clean and tidy! Thank you to them as always for their hard work. The teachers have also been working hard to make their classrooms as bright and stimulating as possible. A big thank you to all of the staff for their hard work in making sure that school looks fantastic for the children's return!

### Teaching and Learning

There will soon be information on the school website about what the teachers have planned for your child this term. We all continue to have high expectations for our children and we ask you as parents to support us in this. We all want the best for our children.

### Achievement Assembly

The special mentions assembly will continue to be held every Tuesday morning. We look forward to welcoming parents of children who have been recognised by the staff for their outstanding work and behaviour each week. Parents will continue to receive an invitation to these assemblies every Friday.

### PE

Through the use of the sports funding, we are committed to enhancing the quality of PE opportunities for our children. Further details about what we have planned this year will follow shortly. The table below outlines when the children will need to bring their PE kit to school.

	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE
Upper Foundation	Thursday	Thursday
Year 1	Friday	Thursday
Year 2	Friday	Tuesday
Year 3	Tuesday	Friday
Year 4	Wednesday	Monday (Swimming)
Year 5	Thursday	Tuesday
Year 6	Monday	Friday

### School Uniform

Please can I remind you about our expectations for school uniform.

- West End Academy jumper or cardigan, white shirt with a grey skirt / trousers.
- Black shoes.
- No jewellery may be worn (only stud earrings are allowed and should be removed or taped up for PE).

### PE Kit

- Black or navy shorts and a white T-shirt.
- Trainers for outdoor PE lessons.
- Warm black or navy top and trousers for outdoors.

Please make sure that all items of clothing have your child's name in! If you have any concerns about uniform, please call into school and speak to your child's class teacher.

### **Dinner Money**

All children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a school dinner at no extra cost. Dinner money is £2.05 per day or £10.25 per week for the children in Key Stage 2. Please make sure that dinner money is sent into school on a Monday morning in an envelope marked with your child's name. If you think that your child may be entitled to free school meals, please call in at the office for a form.

### **Text Messages**

Please remember to tell us if you change your mobile number so that we can update our system. We need up-to-date contact numbers in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Thanks for your support with this.

### **Making an Appointment**

If you have any concerns whatsoever, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher first. This appointment can be made by telephoning or visiting the office. If you feel that they cannot help, please make an appointment to see Mr Wood, our new Deputy Head, or me.

### **School Term Dates**

Listed below are the school term dates and school holidays for this academic year. The school will also have INSET days throughout the year and we will tell you these dates as soon as possible.

	<b>School will close on</b>	<b>School will re-open on</b>
<b>Autumn half-term</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
<b>End of term</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2017	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
<b>Spring half-term</b>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
<b>End of term</b>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
<b>Summer half-term</b>	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
<b>End of term</b>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	

I am looking forward to another really successful year and to your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher