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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school next week for the new school year.

School Day Arrangements

As per the newsletter at the end of the year we are returning to our normal school hours. This means school will start at 8.45am and finish at 3pm every day, including Fridays. Breakfast Club and After School Club will run as normal from Monday 6th September for Year 1 to Year 3.

As normal, Reception children will not start Breakfast Club and After School Club in the first week and so will not attend until Monday 13th September. Please ensure you have booked your child's place on Arbor via the Parent Portal. Thank you.

New Reception

Children starting in our new Reception will be in school on Friday for their one hour transition visit. All children have been allocated a time slot for this visit. We have struggled to contact a very small number of new parents. If you don't have a time slot for your child please ring the school office. On this day children do not need to wear their school uniform but can if they choose to. Please restrict the number of adults accompanying your child to two. Siblings who would otherwise require childcare arrangements can also attend. Please also keep these to a minimum where possible. Thank you.

Covid 19 Restrictions

School will be returning to 'normal' and children will no longer be working in 'bubbles'. Following Government guidance however, if your child tests positive for COVID-19 they are still required to isolate. The rest of their class will no longer need to and therefore will remain open. However, if there are a number of positive cases simultaneously there may be a need to close. We will follow the advice of the Trust and Public Health England if this occurs. We do ask that you continue to act responsibly regarding COVID-19 guidance and follow up any symptoms with testing.

Uniform Policy

As we start a new year please ensure your child's uniform meets the requirements of our school uniform policy. We aim for high standards at Elements with our uniform and we think it makes a difference. This is why we support you where we can with free items.

Points to remember please:

- All tops, including polo shirts, jumpers and P.E tops must be logoed. Jumpers and P.E tops must match the year group colour.
- Shoes must be a full plain black shoe. No logos, markings or strips of colour.
- No jewellery to be worn. Small stud earrings are allowed but ideally should not be worn for P.E.

Please see image at the end of this newsletter for further guidance



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Uniform Availability

We have had an update today from our uniform supplier regarding their stock levels and availability. They have had difficulty with some items due to supplies not coming into the country on time. Another impact of COVID unfortunately. However, items are currently as follows:

Jumpers - All sizes are in stock for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. (Reception Age 5-6 are only available in school in limited numbers) Year 3 jumpers are in transit and so stock in the shop is very low and completely out of stock for some sizes.

Polo Shirts - All sizes in stock

P.E Tops - All sizes in stock for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Year 3 P.E. tops will be in the shop from next week.

Parentpay moving to Arbor

Just to remind you that we will now be operating just one system for all our school related items. Payments for uniforms, lunches, clubs etc will all now be made via the Arbor Parent Portal and not through Parentpay. This should allow you to manage all your payments and information as it will all be on the same system.

Arbor Parent Portal

Please note that bookings for After School Club, Curriculum Clubs and entering school lunches will go live on Thursday this week at 6pm.

Curriculum Clubs

We are thrilled that we are finally going to be able to offer our schedule of Extra-Curricular Clubs! A full timetable of these will be shared with you nearer the time. Please be aware some clubs will have limited numbers and will only be open to particular year groups. Any clubs led by an external provider will be charged at £4 per session.

We realise that some children had their names down for clubs last year but due to the pandemic never came to fruition. Since then we have had lots of new children join our school so in the interest of fairness we will be starting the year with a clean slate. Please follow the link below to the form to express an interest in a place in a club. Please be aware places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Our aim is for every child in school to have a place at at least one club. Once first choices are allocated children who have expressed an interest in more than one club will be offered a place.

<https://forms.gle/bESXEXXV1vkUf4SG7>



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Drop off and pick up arrangements at the start and end of the day have changed. Please read these carefully.

Morning Drop Off Arrangements

Reception

Please make your way towards the right hand side of the building as you approach from the car park. We ask that you make your way towards Reception keeping to the left of the barriers outside the main entrance. Members of staff will be there to direct you. If you would like to bring your child into the classroom to say goodbye on their first day please be respectful of others' space.

Year 1 and Year 2

Please bring your child to the gate to the left hand side of the building as you approach from the car park. This is the North playground. At 8:45am a bell will ring; this will indicate the time for your child to line up at their new classroom door. Once children are lined up the bell will ring again; this is to indicate to parents that it is time to leave. Once all parents have left the playground children will be led into school via their classroom doors.

Year 3

Please bring your child to the South Playground (large playground) to the right of the building. At 8:45am the bell will ring; this will indicate the time for your child to line up at their class markers. Once children are lined up the bell will ring again; this is to indicate to parents that it is time to leave. Once all parents have left the playground children will be led into school via their classroom doors.

Please note: If you have children in different year groups please take the youngest to their class **first**.

End of Day Collection Arrangements

Reception

Please wait to collect your child on the hard standing area (South Playground) in front of the Reception outdoor area. A member of staff will call your child to the gate and you can exit via the double gates.

Year 1 & Year 2

Please wait on the hard standing (North Playground) outside the Year 1 & Year 2 Classrooms. A member of staff will call your child to the door and you can exit through the double gates at the end of the playground.



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Year 3

Please wait on the hard standing outside exit doors to the east of the building. This is opposite the pedestrian gate on the footpath on the New Forest side of the school site. A member of staff will call your child to the door when you arrive and you can exit through the pedestrian gate.

Please note: If you have children in different year groups please collect the **oldest child first**. Staff and signs will be present to guide you.

WOW Week Payments

Thank you for your continued support with funding WOW Weeks in school. This year the cost will remain at £30 for the entire year; we are looking forward to providing a wide range of trips and experiences for our children. Payments for WOW Week can be made through the Arbor Parent portal. Any over payments from last year will be credited back to you. Please pay this year's contribution as a separate payment.

A Reminder: Year 3 Lunches

This is a reminder that pupils in Year 3 and onwards, who are not eligible for free school meals due to not qualifying for the Pupil Premium grant, are charged for their school meals at £2.42 per meal. The cost of school meals will be added to your parent account on Arbor.

Car Park

From Monday we will have 230 children in school. This inevitably will put pressure on the car park. We are pleased to allow parents to use the car park for dropping children off. To ensure we can continue to do this please drive, park and drop off responsibly. Those of you who live within walking distance please do not use the school car park at all. The more children we have walking to school the safer our site will be.

School Office

Please be aware that we still have a reduced capacity in the school office. We are working extremely hard to ensure you receive the right information at the right time and that you have everything you need for a new term. If some things take us longer than usual please bear with us at this busy time.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back on Monday. See you then!

Your faithfully,

Miss S Horsbrough Executive Principal

Uniform for Each Year Group

 WELLSPRING <small>ACADEMY TRUST</small> <small>We Make A Difference</small>	Sweatshirt (Logoed)	P.E Top (Logoed)	Optional Summer wear	Polo Shirt (Logoed)	Dark grey trousers, skirt or shorts	P.E Shorts	School Shoes (Examples)
							



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