

Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

Established in the Queen's Jubilee Year 2012

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by saying a big thank you for all of your support at the start of this term. September certainly seems to have flown by. The children have all come back to school with smiles on their faces and seem to have settled back in to the new routines very effectively. Do remember to talk to staff if you have any concerns. It is lovely to have children back in school and have a real buzz around Winhills again. Please do remember to keep to our one-way systems and pick up points so that we can try to ensure everyone stays as safe as possible.

Where possible, please walk into school with your children. The streets around school seem to be busier than usual and we want to avoid unnecessary vehicles on the road. We want to ensure everyone is safe and keep the streets clear. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attendance

We are very aware that it is hard to distinguish between a 'common cold' and what may be symptoms of COVID-19. Please find attached a letter which may be of use to you. If you are unsure, please do ring the office. They will be able to help with the best advice possible.

Please find some key information below. For further detailed information of what the children are learning in their classes, teachers will send out class newsletters every two weeks.

Dates

Please look at the future dates at the end of the newsletter so you are aware of training days and holidays. All dates are on the website under the calendar section:

<http://www.winhills-cambs.co.uk/diary/list/>

Parking

The school car park will be locked from 8:30am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:30pm. Parents and staff will not be allowed to drive into the school car park at these times. Please ensure you park considerably outside of the school, ensuring you do not block anyone's driveway or emergency access point.

Red Post Box in Office Reception Area

Envelopes and forms should be posted in the red quick drop box in the office reception area, please ensure all items are clearly named and easily identifiable.

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Little Gems Before and After School Club

Please can I remind you that all bookings and cancellations should be made via the school office. 24 hours notice must be given if your child cannot attend a session to avoid being charged. Breakfast is between 7.30am and 8.30am. Please let the staff know if your child has not had breakfast at home. Children attending after school club sessions from 4.30pm onwards will be provided with tea. Please speak to staff if you wish to see the menu.

Term time holidays

Following Government Guidance, we as a Trust do not authorise leave during term time unless there are extra ordinary circumstances, which are judged on an individual basis. As a result of this, we will apply to the Local Authority for a penalty notice if you take a child out of school for any unauthorised leave of more than 3 days.

School Uniform

Children need to have a pair of wellies in school at all times. They will need to wear their PE kits on their PE days. (See below)

As a reminder, the standard uniform consists of:

- White or blue polo shirts (plain)
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore with the length of skirt to be no shorter than just above the knee
- Grey or white socks, royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan (available from school with the school emblem)
- Royal blue pullover or cardigan.
- **Black footwear, shoes (not trainers)**

Hair – all long hair to be tied back, so that your child's vision is not impaired. Girls and boys may wear gel, ponytails or hair bands, but no extreme fashion hairstyles please.

Please name every item of your child's school uniform.

It is The Diamond Learning Partnership Trusts policy that earrings must not be worn for PE, and your child must be able to remove them if they wear them to school on PE days. Earrings should be small studs.

PE Kit

The children need to come into school wearing their PE kit on the days that they have PE.

This is as follows:

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and 6- Wednesday.

Year 3 and 4- Friday.PE kits include:

White T-shirt (Please avoid strappy tops.)

Black or dark blue shorts

Trainers

Jogging bottoms (for when the weather is colder)
Royal blue or black jumper.

As the weather is changeable and the temperatures drop, do please send children to school in jogging bottoms to keep them warm. Where possible, the children will be taking part in their PE sessions outdoors.

School Dinners

The cost of a meal at school from September for children in Year 3, 4 5 & 6 is £2.25, meals for nursery children are £2.00 and adult meals are £3.20. Payment can now be made online, please ask the office staff for more information. You may order lunches on a daily basis but according to Local Authority's policy, all school lunches must be paid for in advance or on the day taken. School is not allowed to give more than one day's credit per child. As you know, any parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle can book to have a dinner with a child in the school any day of the week but we do require at least one day's notice where possible.

Term dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3 rd September	Training Day
Friday 4 th September	Training Day
Monday 7 th September	Term Starts
Tuesday 13 th October	SEND Parent telephone consultations
Wednesday 14 th October	SEND Parent telephone consultations
Monday 19 th October	Parents Evening telephone consultations
Tuesday 20 th October	Parents Evening telephone consultations
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents Evening telephone consultations
Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	Training Day
Tuesday 3 rd November	Autumn Term continues
Wednesday 4 th November	Individual School Photographs
Thursday 5 th November	Flu Immunisation Programme
Friday 18 th December	Terms Ends

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4 th January	Training Day
Tuesday 5 th January	Term Starts
Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th February	Half Term
Monday 22 nd February	Spring Term Continues
Friday 26 th March	Term Ends

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12 th April	Training Day
Tuesday 13 th April	Term Starts
Monday 3 rd May	May Day
Monday 31 st May- Friday 4 th June	Half Term
Monday 7 th June	Summer Term Continues
Thursday 22 nd July	Term Ends

Yours sincerely

Mr John Turner
Head of School
On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

We welcome any comments you may have below:

To: Mr John Turner , Head of School, Winhills Primary Academy, Off Duck Lane, St Neots, PE19 2DX

Child's name:

Comment: