



January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish you a very happy New Year and we trust you and your family had a restful Christmas holiday. We are looking forward to welcoming all students back positively on Thursday 4th January. To support the school and ensure we have a smooth start, please can we ask that the students are supported in getting organised and ready for their return to school.

Whilst many of our children attend school ready to learn, there are some that don't. In response to parent and student feedback, we removed the lanyards and replaced this with a jotter for their timetable. All students need to ensure they have a copy of their timetable with them daily. This can be printed off Edulink. If you would like to purchase a lanyard to keep the timetable copy safe, this can be done via ParentPay.

All students should have a suitable school bag in which their phones should be stored and turned off between 8:30am - 3pm. We are interested in parent feedback relating to a branded school bag that could be purchased through our uniform ordering system. We would appreciate parent voice on this idea and have attached a google form for your feedback. In the meantime, please can you ensure all students have a school bag that is large enough to carry their fully stocked pencil case and books as an absolute minimum. We ask that students have pencils, pens, maths equipment and a scientific calculator as a minimum daily.

We request that students ensure they take the time ahead of their return on Thursday to meet the expectation of the uniform policy which can be found on our website <https://willingdonschool.org.uk/key-information/school-policies>, removing any Christmas false nails and polish/lashes and ensure they have the correct items of clothing. This is a polite reminder of the days when PE uniform should only be worn.

PE Kit days

7s - Tuesday and Friday (easy to remember)

81s - Monday and Tuesday

82s - Monday and Friday

91s - Monday and Friday

92s - Monday and Thursday

101s - Tuesday and Thursday

102s - Thursday and Friday

111 - Wednesday and Friday

112 - Tuesday and Wednesday

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COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Finally, we would like to offer every parent the opportunity to meet their year teams informally in a series of coffee mornings over the next 2 weeks. These will be between 8am - 10am, allowing parents/carers to drop in during the school run or after any younger siblings have been dropped off at other schools. We will also host one afternoon session for all Year teams for those unable to make the morning sessions and one Parent/Carer Forum online for any parents that are unable to meet in person. Please feel free to attend and discuss anything you feel is important to your child's academic progress or wellbeing.

Coffee mornings

Year 7 – Tuesday 9th January 8-10am

Year 8 – Tuesday 9th January 8-10am

Year 9 – Thursday 11th January 8-10am

Year 10 – Wednesday 10th January 8-10am

Year 11 – Thursday 18th January 8-10am

All Year groups - Afternoon tea drop in – Wednesday 17th January 3pm - 4:30pm

All Year Groups - Online informal Parent/Carer forum/drop in – Wednesday 17th January 6pm -7pm

Below is the link to the google form where you can register your thoughts on the school bag idea and your intended attendance at the coffee mornings. You do not have to be specific on time, but a rough guide within a half hour slot for us to expect parents and carers would be appreciated.

<https://forms.gle/6W63AHhjLkt38DcA>

We look forward to working with you and your children throughout term 3, building on the very many successes of the last 2 terms.

Best wishes

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