



Be your best.

## NEWSLETTER - 5th July 2024

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*Dear all,*

*Happy Friday! We can't quite believe there are only two and half more weeks left for our children this academic year! **The children's last day is on Wednesday 24th July**, with teachers coming in for their training days on the 25/26th in the final week.*

**DON'T FORGET OUR SUMMER FAIR TOMORROW!** *Gates open at 11am until 3pm - come along and help support vital fundraising for our school. HUGE THANKS as always to the team of amazing people who make this happen for us all - lots of work, effort and time given up for our lovely school, thank you.*

**GETTING READY FOR SEPTEMBER:** *Please remember the changes that are happening with our uniform in September. The bonus of the OPAL uniform is that there is no need to have a different PE kit, so long as children have suitable trainers on for PE days. Being outside, active and comfortable in your school uniform is so important for learning - we also want them to look great too, so please make sure you look carefully at what the expectations are for September. The office team will be helping you as much as possible with uniform orders and advice with what you can get ready.*

**New classes:** *Letters informing you which class your child will be in next year will be shared on Friday 12th - NEXT FRIDAY. Please make sure you see this letter. Children will be spending the day with their new teacher on Friday 19th July.*

**End of Year Reports** *are written and being checked over as we speak. They will be shared with families by Monday 22nd July*

**End of Year Celebrations** - For Y3-Y6 we are hosting an end of year awards ceremony at St Jude's Church on 15th July 5pm-7pm. This will be led by Year 6 children as their last performance. If your child is receiving an award (Y3-Y6) you will be receiving a personal invite but we'd like all Y6 families to come along.

A red-carpet assembly for F2-Y2 will take place in the morning of 15th July, in school. Due to the hall closure we're still deciding if our new Marquee will be suitable for everyone to fit in and invite parents - I'll let you know asap!

**ROUGH & TUMBLE PLAY FEEDBACK:** Thank you to those of you who took part in offering your feedback about our Rough & Tumble play zone. We have gathered this feedback together, along with some suggested actions and we've shared this with our OPAL Governor. A letter explaining all of this will be shared early next week so please take a read.

**NEXT WEEK:**

**Wednesday** - Dawn from MHST is in school on Wednesday mornings. Please drop in and chat to her if you need any support from the Mental Health Support Team.

**Lovely photos** this week of Sports Days, Y6 Camp and Y6 Red Cross First Aid training...hope they make you smile!

*Have a great weekend everyone!*

*Take care,*

*Emma Beardah*

*Headteacher*

*headteacher@walterhalls.nottingham.sch.uk*

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# A great **OPAL** uniform



We are pleased to advise that branded tracksuit bottoms\*, polo shirts and jumpers/cardigans, can all be ordered through the school office.

*\*\* tracksuit bottoms can now be supplied with and without a logo via the school office. Note, that these uniform items are ordered half-terminly through our school wear supplier.*



Heather Grey



Navy



Black



Light Blue



White



Plain trainers, or trainer-style shoe



Wellies (kept in school)  
Water-proofs: jacket with hood or puddle-suit (kept in school if possible)

## Other uniform options:



PE kit – to be worn to school on allocated PE days. We do not get children changed for PE during the school day.

- Sportswear suitable for outdoor sports activity – avoid large logos / expensive brands\*\*
- Trainers & socks

\*\*As long as PE kit looks suitable for doing sporting activities, we are not specific about exactly what it should be. Children must be in trainers for PE. Affordable suggestions would be: plain t-shirts, plain tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings, zip-up hoodie for warmth in colder months.

*If children are wearing a really great OPAL uniform, this would also work for PE, so long as proper trainers are worn that day.*

**Year 6 Drumhill Camp!**



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*What an amazing time Year 6 had camping at Drumhill this year...*

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Sports Day Fun!

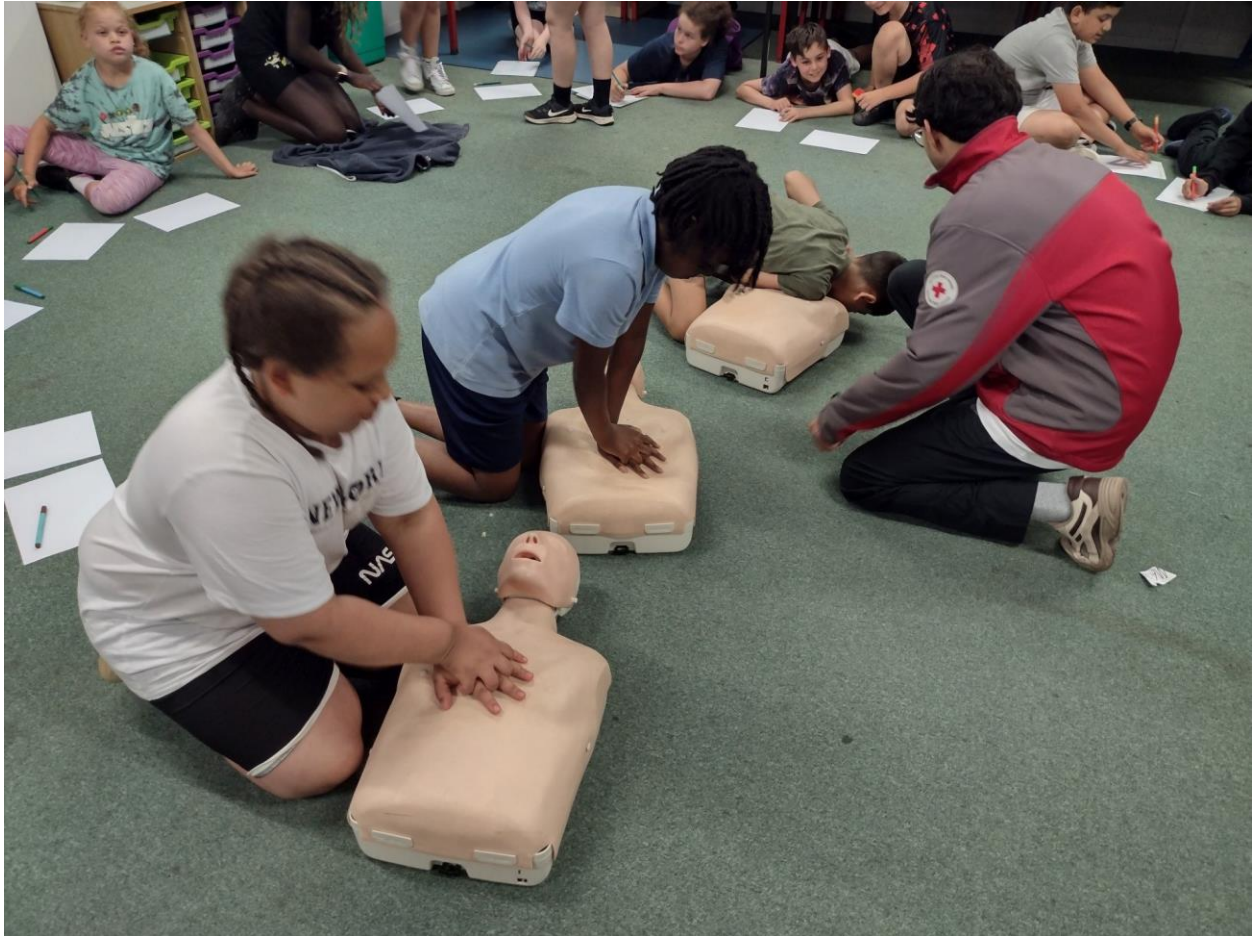








## Y6 First Aid!

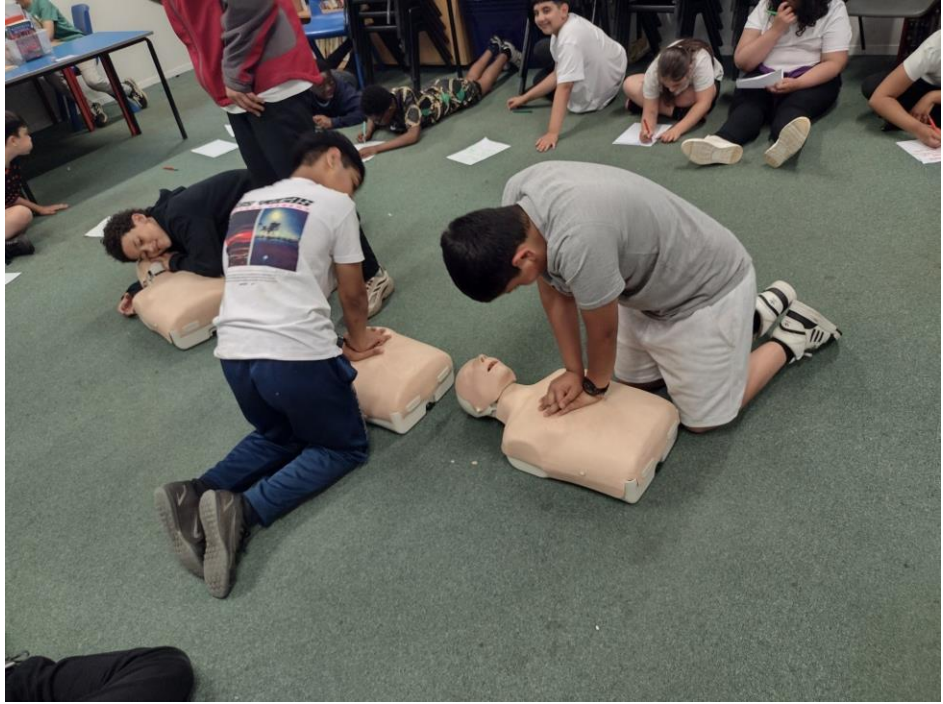


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*Year 6 also participated in a first aid workshop run by the British Red Cross. We learned all about the 5 steps to check before undertaking CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation); we spent some time practising our chest compression techniques on a CPR manikin.*

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**Nottingham City Council**  
**School Terms and Holidays Calendar - 2024/25**

Aug-24							Sep-24							Oct-24						
M		5	12	19	26		M		2	9	16	23	30	M		7	14	21	28	
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- Inset Days
  - Bank Holiday
  - School Holiday
- Half term 1 - 7 weeks 2 days
  - Half term 2 - 7 weeks
  - Half term 3 - 6 weeks
  - Half term 4 - 6 weeks
  - Half term 5 - 4 weeks 3 days
  - Half term 6 - 8 weeks

## Key Dates coming up...



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### *SUMMER term:*

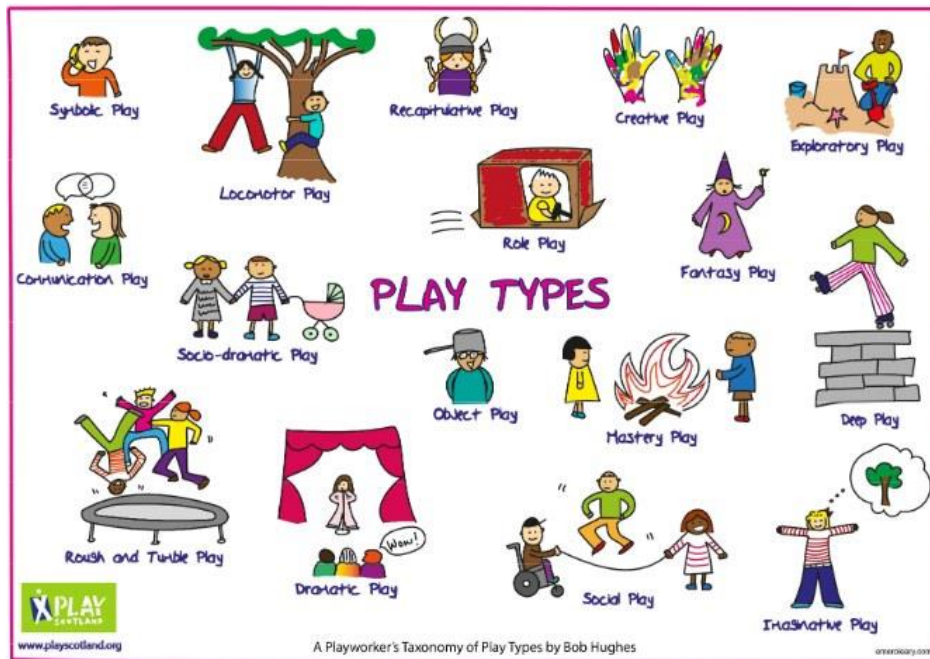
*Our Core Values are COLLABORATION & PERSEVERANCE!*

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- **Saturday 6th July** - SUMMER FAIR 11AM-3PM!
- **Monday 8th July** - Times Tables Rockstars Battle for KS2!
- **Wednesday 10th July** - KS2 Spelling Bee competition
- **Monday 15th July** - Headteacher Certificate Assembly for F2-Y2 9am then KS2 Evening Awards Ceremony for Y3-Y6 with Y6 leavers performance - more details to follow
- **Friday 19th July** - MEET YOUR NEW TEACHER - Class Swap Day
- **Monday 22nd July** - Year 6 Leavers Prom

- Wednesday 24th July - FINAL DAY FOR CHILDREN BEFORE SUMMER BREAK
- OUR REMAINING INSET DAYS ARE: Thurs 28th March, Thurs 25th & Fri 26th July
- Term dates can be found on our website here: <https://www.walterhallsprimary.co.uk/term-dates/>

## OPAL PLAY UPDATE



## ATTENDANCE!



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*As a school, we strive for 100% attendance each week. Anything above 96% attendance, we class as 'good'. We have an attendance team at school, who track attendance of individual children very carefully, to ensure all of our children are able to come to school all of the time and not miss any of their learning. If you need support with your child's attendance, please speak to us straight away.*

***We always report attendance for the previous week.***

***Last week's whole school attendance was: 92%***

***The class with the highest attendance was: BOTH YEAR 4 CLASSES! 98.9% AND 98.7% - Well done Year 4!***

Also doing well were: Class 5B with 96.4% and Class 5B with 96.1% - you met our target of 96%+, year 5 well done!

THIS YEAR'S TARGET IS 96% AND WE AIM TO REDUCE OUR PERSISTENTLY ABSENT FIGURES TO 10%

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The Welly Bank is a new community-led network in Notts. It is free to join and all items are shared free of charge. But WE NEED YOUR HELP! We will only grow a bustling network if everyone helps to increase membership so please TELL A FRIEND and spread the word

Nottingham  
**WELLY BANK**

Because playing outside should not cost the earth....

Donate, swap or request wellies and outdoor clothes at [www.facebook.com/groups/nottinghamwellybank](http://www.facebook.com/groups/nottinghamwellybank)

**Free!**

## OUR CORE VALUE DURING SUMMER 2 TERM IS...



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*PERSEVERANCE. These are the main teaching points we will cover:*

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- *What is resilience? How can we build it?*
  - *Mistakes are the way we learn.*
- *Great mistakes of the past that have led to good things.*
  - *Sportsmanship.*
  - *Determination to succeed.*
  - *Positivity – how to help others.*
- *Seeking alternative solutions – viewing things differently and problem solving.*





- *Call the office to make an appointment to speak with a class teacher, phase leader or member of senior leadership – 0115 9150045.*
    - *Send us an email to ask us to call you – [admin@walterhalls.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@walterhalls.nottingham.sch.uk)*
  - *Class Dojo – this is for class teachers to send out homework, key messages just for their class and for teachers to use to praise and celebrate great behaviour with ‘Dojo points’ given to the children each day. PLEASE DO NOT USE CLASS DOJO TO RAISE A COMPLAINT OR QUERY SOMETHING – call the office or send an email as above instead.*
  - *Parent Mail – whole school messages, newsletters, whole-school events and all bookings for clubs and any visit payments are all done via Parent Mail.*
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***If you need help setting up Parent Mail or Class Dojo please call our office for help – our aim is to be as ‘paper-free’ as possible so all key messages will come via these channels.***

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## CHILDREN'S CLUBS IN OUR COMMUNITY...



The poster features several logos and icons: 'THE RENEWAL TRUST' with the tagline 'Helping communities grow' and 'ABC' in a stylized font; 'EPIC PARTNERS' with the tagline 'Empowering Positive & Inspirational Change'; and 'MTVH' with a colorful diamond logo. Icons include a plate of fruit (pineapple, apple, orange, pear), a cricket bat, a soccer ball, a basketball, a tennis racket, a silhouette of a person jumping, and a heart with a pulse line.

**HEALTH HUB**

**FREE** **AGE 8-16**

**AT HILL VIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
RANSOM ROAD, NG3 3BP**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY 5:00PM - 7:00PM**

These sessions allow young people to come together in a relaxed environment. You can choose from a range of activities from learning the knowledge of food, healthy living, and cooking skills. You can participate in sport with physical, mental health and wellbeing support. Along with mindfulness activities.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 0115 8372021**  
**WWW.EPICPARTNERS.CO.UK**

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**CHARITY NUMBER: 1150823**



# YOUTH NIGHT

**ONLY £ 2      AGE 11-16**

**THE OLIVER HIND YOUTH CLUB,  
EDALE ROAD, NG2 4HT**

**EVERY FRIDAY 5:00PM - 6:45PM**

These sessions allow young people to come together in a relaxed environment. You can choose from a range of activities each week and compete in friendly and fun games.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 0115 8372021**

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# FUSION

Youth Club

## EVERY THURSDAY

During term times

### 5:30PM-8:00PM

10-17 year olds

### 50P ENTRY

At The Greenway Centre Trent Lane NG2 4DF

WHAT WE DO:

Instrument room   Sports   Cooking or baking  
Fun & Games   Arts and craft   Music studio



@sendprojectyouthclub



@SEND Project



@sendprojectnottingham





St Ann's Community Orchard

# Free After School Sessions

Every Wednesday  
3:30pm-5pm



Orienteering,  
exploring, bug  
hunting, cooking on  
the fire, arts, crafts,  
and more!

Children aged  
8-12 only



Booking essential: [www.staa.eventbrite.com](http://www.staa.eventbrite.com)  
Contact Rachel on 07498 864498 to book.  
The Community Orchard is on  
St Ann's Allotments, off Ransom Road,  
look out for the yellow signs.



## FREE PLAY FOOTBALL



### **Mondays**

4pm to 5pm (ages 5 to 11)  
5pm to 6pm (ages 12 to 16)

### **Brewsters Park**

141 Brewsters Road, NG3 3BY

Free\*

**Book your place:** [bookwhen.com/renewaltrust](http://bookwhen.com/renewaltrust)

\*Sessions open to families living in St Ann's, Sneinton and Mapperley  
(Nottingham City Wards - Dales, Mapperley and St Ann's)





Skate Nottingham

# Free skateboard coaching sessions



SATURDAYS AT BRENDON  
LAWRENCE SPORTS CENTRE

10:30 - 12:00  
From 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
For ages 7+

**EASY-FUNDRAISING - Please help us!**



# Walter Halls Primary School

📍 Mapperley, Nottingham

£1,048.75 raised

128 supporters

Sign up and support this cause

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*We currently have 137 supporters who have helped to raise over £1000 for our school, so far. This is a meaningful amount of money that comes directly to us to help support our children. Next academic year we would like to put the entire money raised through this initiative towards all school visits and trips. We want to make sure ALL of our children get these chances, no matter their circumstances, and we have next-to-no spare budget to make these happen ourselves.*

*If you have yet to join, or know anyone else who would be willing to join, it is so simple and quick to do. You do not have to donate a set amount - simple shop online through this APP, spending the money you would normally spend, and we will get a small donation made each time! From take-aways to holidays there are so many online outlets that support this initiative.*

Simply visit:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/walterhallsprimaryschool/?searchSessionId=2857a911-d6d1-4247-9db6-689c60a13f64>

*Sign-up and support our school - thank you!*

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## The Little Ted Foundation



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*Walter Halls continues to support for The Little Ted Foundation - a charity very close to our hearts, following the sad passing of Mr Neal's youngest child, Baby Ted. We will continue to raise money whenever we can, to give to this very special charity. For more information on how you can help too, please visit the following link:*

[https://www.thelittletedfoundation.org/?qclid=EAIaIQobChMIpcTfzqCH-gIVhIBQBh2SPwEHEAAYASAAEgK5XvD\\_BwE](https://www.thelittletedfoundation.org/?qclid=EAIaIQobChMIpcTfzqCH-gIVhIBQBh2SPwEHEAAYASAAEgK5XvD_BwE)

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## Community & Family Support



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### ***FRIENDS OF WALTER HALLS PTA EVENTS:***

*This year, FOWH are raising money towards all school visits and experiences for our children. We do not have enough budget to cover the cost of visits or visitors into school and would like to make sure those who cannot afford to pay don't miss out.*

### ***FAMILY AND PASTORAL SUPPORT***

*We currently support many families with various needs including: food parcels, family advice, parenting support and other referrals to various helpful agencies.*

*Here are a few key contacts of people who may be able to help you:*

***Emma Beardah*** - Headteacher & Safeguarding team leader

***Jo Glover*** - Deputy Headteacher, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Safeguarding team

***Gail Holmes*** - Family Support Worker, Attendance officer and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

***Kerrie Chandler*** - Play Therapist, Child Welfare Officer & Deputy DSL

***Lee Neal*** - Behaviour & Learning Mentor

***Joe Hockham*** - Behaviour & Learning Mentor

***Dawn Jukes*** - MHST link worker - on school site every Wednesday. Adult drop-in sessions 8.30-9.15am available

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE ON 0115 9150045 or COME AND CHAT TO US OUTSIDE IN THE MORNINGS OR AFTER SCHOOL**

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## Safety reminders



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- **COVID and other illnesses** - we want and need our children in school as much as possible. At the moment, advice is for children to isolate for 3-days if you know they have COVID. Upset tummies and sickness requires 48 hours of being at home, to stop the spread. See our poster for other common childhood illness and what you need to do about school attendance.
  - **Please do not gather on the school grounds at the start and end of days.** We have Epic Sports running after school activities and need to be vigilant in closing our gates at the right times to keep the children safe, both in the morning and after school.
  - **No dogs are permitted on site at any time** - we love them but not all children do so please respect this and make plans to leave them at home when coming to school site.
  - **Bikes and scooters** - all adults and children should not be riding through the site - please dismount and push them through our pathways.
  - **PE kits** – To avoid children needing to get changed during the school day, PE kits must be worn to school on the day of PE, along with a coat / jumper / cardigan to keep children warm during

*other parts of the day. PE kits must be plain blue tracksuit bottoms or shorts and a plain white top. If you're still unsure of PE days, please call the office.*

- ***Please be considerate and safe when parking outside of our school gates.*** *Parking officials patrol as regularly as possible. We politely ask that all of our families are mindful of road safety around our school, where very young children are walking in and out.*
  - ***Respectful behaviour on site*** - *We respectfully remind you that school is private property and holds its own set of expectations for conduct on site. If your child walks to and from school alone or gets picked up by another adult we need to know about this - please call the office. We expect all of our children to arrive and leave site in a respectful way and for the conduct of all adults on our site to be polite and respectful too. Repeated cases of problems with this on our school grounds can lead to us asking you to escort your children to and from their classrooms instead of arriving or leaving by themselves and we may ask adults to remain at the gates if respectful and polite adult behaviour becomes an issue.*
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