



Friday 17th July 2026

Dear all,

As we enter into our final week of this academic year, I wanted to extend a BIG thank you to our whole school community for the support and commitment they have shown this year.

We have achieved so much: some really excellent Y6 SATs results, phonics testing outcomes, Y4 multiplication testing results and end of Early Years data. Besides the academic successes we've also seen many of our children make progress in other beautiful ways, all connected with our

values of respect, kindness, curiosity, aspiration, collaboration and perseverance. Our children are thriving and have made immense progress this year! We are so proud of all of them.

If you were lucky enough to attend our Y6 and KS2 Awards ceremony, you will have had a taste of the sense of pride we take in our children's achievements and just how strong the values of our school are, at every turn. Thanks again goes to our committed Friends of Walter Halls parent group who have helped us to raise an impressive £7,000 this year - this will be invested in some brilliant opportunities to help all of our children.

Huge thanks to all of our school staff who work so relentlessly every day to help our children: it's not a simple job and comes with so many challenges. Schools are chronically underfunded and we simply do not have enough human and material resource. The people who work here are very special and continue to show utter resilience and commitment every single day. They do this because they value education and want all of our children to feel loved, looked after and to succeed in their futures. I hope they all now focus on their own families for a short time, before returning in September with renewed vigour.

NEXT WEEK is the final week, with the children's **last day being THURSDAY**. Staff will be in for training sessions on Friday and then school will close for the summer break

SEPTEMBER - Staff return for training on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September. Children are back in school from **THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER**.

Wishing you all a lovely summer time - I'm sure many of you will be working and juggling family life but I hope you manage to find some quality time with each other.

*This is my final newsletter - I've **added in some key dates for September, that may help you plan ahead now...***

Have a great weekend...and summer everyone!

Emma Beardah

Headteacher

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Nottingham City Council
School terms and holiday calendar – 2025/26

AUGUST 2025						
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*Recommend that July 27 be used as INSET Day (school's decision)

Half term 1 – 7 weeks
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 Half term 3 – 6 weeks
 Half term 4 – 5 weeks
 Half term 5 – 5 weeks 4 days
 Half term 6 – 8 weeks 1 day

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A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

A drink

Water is best to keep your child hydrated.
Or provide **Milk**, or **Fruit Juice** with no added sugar



Protein

Include **one** portion:
e.g. **lean meats** (chicken or turkey) fish (salmon or tuna) beans, pulses, hummus or egg



Fruit & Vegetables

Include at least **one** portion:
e.g. **raw vegetable sticks** such as carrots, cucumber or peppers.

Quartered cherry tomatoes, grapes or strawberries.
A pot of sliced up fruit, berries or fruit



Dairy/Calcium

Include **one** portion:
e.g. **cheese strips**, or on a sandwich
Milk based puddings such as yoghurt, fromage frais, or a small pot of custard



Wholegrains & Starchy Foods

Include **one** portion:
Sandwich on wholegrain bread/wrap/Pitta/roll

Pasta or Rice

Bagel/pancake/muffin/scone

FOR HELPFUL INFORMATION & IDEAS,
VISIT: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/>



Snack Smart. Stay Healthy!!

F R U I T	Apple slices	Banana	Grapes (halved)	Berries	Orange slices
G R A I N S	Crackers	Rice cakes	Mini bagels	Granola bar	Pretzels
V E G G I E S	Carrot sticks	Cucumber rounds	Pepper strips	Cherry tomatoes	Celery sticks
P R O T E I N	Cheese cubes	Boiled egg	Turkey slices	Hummus	Roasted chickpeas
T R E A T S	Oat cookie	Mini muffin	Dried fruit	Mini crackers	Dark chocolate

'Are you struggling to give your children breakfast each day? If so please get in touch with our pastoral team who can definitely help

KEY DATES COMING UP...



OUR CORE VALUE LEARNING IN SUMMER TERM IS: COLLABORATION & PERSEVERANCE!

- **MONDAY 20TH JULY – YEAR 6 LEAVERS PICNIC PARTY – 3.30PM**
- **THURSDAY 23RD JULY – Last day of term for our children**
- **FRIDAY 24TH JULY – INSET DAY FOR STAFF. School closed for children.**

- *School re-opens for children on Thursday 3rd September. Staff will be in school from Tuesday 1st September preparing classrooms and undertaking staff training*

- **THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER** - *School re-opens for all children*

- **FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER** - *Open afternoon for all year groups - we are welcoming our families into the classrooms to do a fun activity together in the afternoon and to pick up some information from teachers specific to their year groups. We will confirm timings as soon as we return back in September - for now, save the date!*

- **FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER** - *National Teaching Assistant's Day! We will be showing respect for these wonderful humans in our school*
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CLASS DOJO

Reasons to use it

Walter Halls office: 0115 9150045

Read information & updates
about school or your child's class.



See photos of your child's
learning



To see points that your child has
received so you can talk about it
with them



Respond to whole class
portfolios or tasks



CLASS DOJO

Do not use it for

Asking if your child is ok - if you have concerns
call the office.



To let staff know someone else is collecting your
child - they may not read it. Call the office.



Telling us about a problem, incident or raising a
complaint. Please follow the escalation process.
Call the office to ask to speak to someone.



Sharing messages with staff regarding medical
information, lateness or absence. They may not
read it. Call the office.



FUNDRAISING THIS YEAR!



Over the course of this year, our wonderful community have helped to fundraise a total of £7452.15! This is an amazing amount of additional money that is being spent on our children. Here's what it has already been spent on or what it will go towards doing next:

- OPAL / outdoor play resources
- Our Y6 leavers celebrations
- Our Book of Curiosity - encouraging young writers
- Equipment and resources for our SEND base
- New banners on our gates to promote our school
- Helping to make all community events across the year possible and supporting families most in need with uniform, school event and visit costs

Our plans next, for some of this money, are to start to create calmer classroom spaces in all of our rooms, that help regulation and sensory overload. This will be an ongoing project over a few years that will help Walter Halls' inclusive approaches to grow and thrive.

Attendance!



As a school, we strive for 100% attendance! Anything 96% or more is good attendance and will mean that your children are thriving in school and making good progress with their learning.

We have an attendance team who help support anyone who is struggling with good school attendance and we contact families ourselves if we notice concerns connected with your children's attendance at school.

We know that attendance is not in the control of primary-aged children. We still 'recognise' the importance of attendance with all of our children by sharing with them what attendance percentages were in every year group. We celebrate different types of 'good' attendance, for example 'most improved' and those children who have managed to get to school on time, when in the past this may have been a struggle for them and their families.

We report attendance for the previous week -

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WAS: 93.6%

THE CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE WAS: Class 2A with 99.01% - fabulous!

ALSO DOING GREAT WERE: Class 1A, 1B, 4B and 5A - all with attendance over 96%+ - well done for smashing our target!

Our target this year is 96+% and we aim to reduce our persistent absentee figures to just 15%

Ways to Communicate

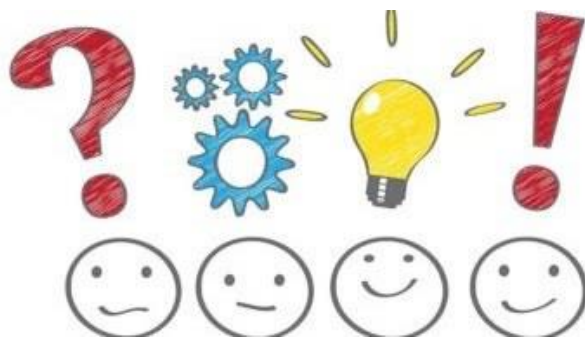


Please remember, we have several ways you can get in touch:

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- ***Come and speak to us*** on the playgrounds in the morning or after school or go into the main office and arrange a phone call / meeting time
 - ***Call the office on 0115 9150045*** and ask for someone to call you back for a chat or to arrange a meeting
 - ***Email our admin inbox - admin@walterhalls.nottingham.sch.uk***. PLEASE NOTE - this email box is not checked daily due to other workloads of staff in school and so if your enquiry is urgent please always call us instead
 - ***Class Dojo*** - this is not for raising a problem or complaint. This is for teachers to share news and information. Teachers do not check Class Dojo after school hours and will not respond to complaints or problems this way
 - ***Arbor*** - this is for whole school messages, bookings and payments, clubs etc.
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IF YOU NEED HELP GETTING ACCESS TO CLASS DOJO OR ARBOR PLEASE SPEAK TO OUR OFFICE TEAM

WHO CAN HELP ME? Escalating problems or incidents



Are you worried about your child?

Is something happening in school with your child that you need to talk to someone about?

- 1) **FIRST STEP** is to talk to their teacher. Teachers can't chat for long before school and sometimes they have to attend meetings after school. If you need a chat, ask at the office for a call back from the teacher asap
CLASS DOJO is not to be used to raise a problem or worry.
Teachers do not check messages on Dojo regularly nor should they be responding to you after working hours via Dojo
- 2) **NEXT STEP** if you're still upset or worried and things haven't got better, ask to speak with the Assistant Head for your child's year group. It might also be the SENDCO you need to chat to – Mrs Goldsmith
- 3) **LAST STEP** if remain unhappy with actions taken, please call into the office and ask for our Headteacher to call you

We are all working really hard to look after lots of children and families. We won't always be able to chat to you straight away but we do care about making sure children are happy and safe at school.

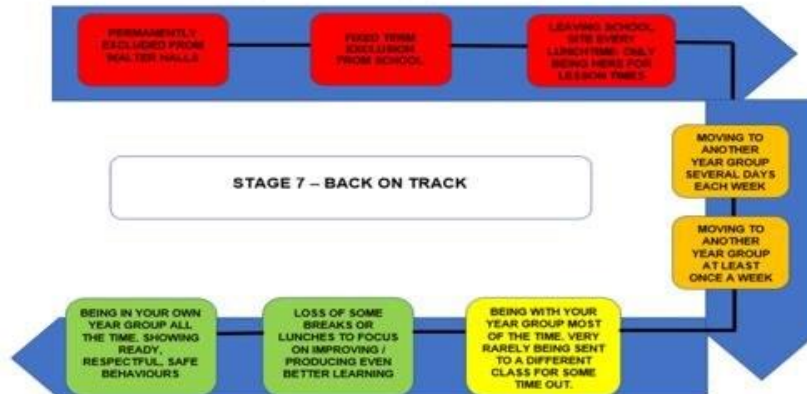
The next pages of this poster shows you how we escalate incidents of negative behaviour and who gets involved and when. We have lots of people at Walter Halls whose job it is to make behaviour as positive as possible – but our children are all still young and need help to learn these things over time. If you feel like a problem isn't changing quickly, quite often this isn't because we're not doing anything about it. Some children need lots of help to change behaviours and this takes lots of time and effort from different adults.

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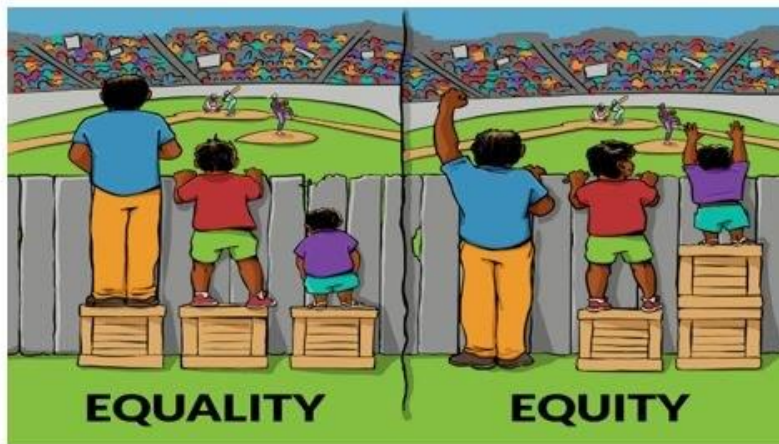
1	R Reminder from the adult	We all need reminders about our 3 school rules sometimes: <u>Ready?</u> <u>Respectful?</u> <u>Safe?</u>	
2	2 2 minutes owed	<u>You will</u> spend 2 minutes of your free time with an adult discussing why your behaviours aren't RRS <u>The adult will</u> explain this clearly to you and help you make changes	
3	R Reminder from the adult	If this behaviour carries on the adult will give you just one more reminder.	
4	10 10 minutes owed	<u>You will</u> spend 10 minutes of your free time with an adult discussing why your behaviours aren't RRS and put right what has gone wrong <u>The adult will</u> explain this clearly to you and help you make changes. They might give you a task to do to help you put things right	
5	TIME OUT - A short amount of time away from everyone - OR a longer amount of time needed away from everyone	<u>You will</u> be taken by a different adult to spend time away from your year group <u>The adult will</u> RECORD this in the behaviour log, arrange where you will spend your hour, organise a restorative conversation	UNSAFE BEHAVIOURS MOVE STRAIGHT TO STAGE 5/6/7: - Verbal with intent to harm - Physical harm - Racial - Homophobic - Bullying All the adults can decide which stage your behaviour should go to, depending on the circumstances. At all times this is RECORDED and contact with home is made.
6	All the adults will decide how long is needed based on what has happened. (Learning mentor/Phase leader / deputy head stage)	<u>The adults will</u> call home the same day if your behaviours are repeated or unsafe. Adults at home will receive a letter to keep them updated at the end of term and may be invited in	
7	Headteacher adults at home and outside help needed	'BACK ON TRACK' PATHWAY NEEDED - Team around meeting considered - Face-to-face meeting with outside adults - Regular review of support	

Repeated unsafe behaviours will always be dealt with by senior leaders, on a STAGE 7 plan. You can see more about STAGE 7 on the next

GETTING BACK ON-TRACK – The adults will be keeping track of where you are and where you need to be:



Walter Halls believes in **EQUITY** over **EQUALITY**. Everyone needs different things, not the same. Some children and families need more help than others. That's why Walter Halls has a full-time family support worker, a full-time play therapist, two full-time behaviour mentors and lots of staff who believe in helping children with challenging behaviours. We do lots of things to help before we ever reach Stage 7 or excluding children from school.



Our Senior Leaders...



Emma Beardah
Headteacher



Sarah Wright
Assistant Head EY & KS1



Hannah Pope
Assistant Head KS2



Mrs Goldsmith

Community & Family Support



FRIENDS OF WALTER HALLS PTA GROUP:

All of our fundraising will be put towards visits, trips and experiences for all of our year groups. We do not have enough budget to support the costs of visits and experiences and we use any fundraising to help make sure no child misses out. Keep an eye-out on Class Dojo for our next fundraising event...

FAMILY SUPPORT AND PASTORAL CARE:

We invest a lot in the wider support of our families and have a big team of staff who look after those who need a bit more help and support. Food parcels, referrals to other services in Nottingham, parenting and behaviour support. Here are a few people who may be able to help you - please let us know if you want to chat to us -

EMMA BEARDAH - Headteacher and overall safeguarding leader

BRIT GOLDSMITH - SENDCO

GAIL HOLMES - Family Support Worker and DSL

KERRIE CHANDLER - Play Therapist, Child Welfare Officer, Deputy DSL

LEE NEAL & KATIE MERRINGTON-INGLEY - Behaviour & Learning Mentors

*CHLOE ORVIS - MHST (Mental Health Support Team) - Available on school site on Wednesday's
8.30am-9.15am for parent drop-in sessions*

ACTIVE UNIFORM!



We promote an 'Active Uniform' approach and have recently joined a national campaign to support children wearing uniform that is appropriate. We believe that all school uniform should

be suitable for a busy, outdoor and active day at school, as well as a uniform that is comfortable, affordable and supports sensory needs too.

*The video on the Active Uniform Alliance website, summarises this perfectly:
<https://activeuniform.org/>*

KEY ELEMENTS OF OUR UNIFORM ARE:-

- If you have a good 'active uniform on, you DO NOT NEED A DIFFERENT PE KIT.*
 - A great OPAL uniform, along with some decent trainers, works well for all occasions at school- We still want uniform colours - blue or white tops. BLUE IS EASIER TO KEEP CLEAN!*
 - NO LOGOS - all of our uniform is plain and shouldn't promote branded items.*
 - WATERPROOFS AND WELLIES are part of our uniform. All children must have these at all times because we are an OPAL school and will go outside in all weathers.*
 - A good pair of plain coloured trainers can double up as normal day school shoes AND outdoor PE shoes. Children might go outside for their learning at any given time - a decent pair of trainers is a must. PLEASE NO CROCS, HEELS OR FLIMSY SHINY SHOES - they will get mucky!*
 - You can see from the pictures on our uniform poster that there is also a good degree of choice and ideas for children who still want to dress in a more traditional uniform too.*
 - Our office team can always help with purchasing certain items and out uniform policy - on our website - signposts you to very affordable places to buy these items.*
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Thank you for your support.

PLEASE LABEL ALL UNIFORM AND FOOTWEAR WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME



Walter Halls is an OPAL school. You can find out more about OPAL here: <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/parents/>

ESSENTIAL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS:

WHAT A GREAT OPAL SCHOOL UNIFORM WOULD LOOK LIKE:

- Plain tracksuit bottoms or plain full-length leggings – blue / grey / black
- Plain tracksuit-style shorts or plain cycling shorts – blue/ grey / black (for warmer weather)
- Blue or white polo shirt – blue is easier to keep clean!
- Plain blue jumper / hoodie / cardigan (or branded Walter Halls – see below)
- Socks (with some spares in their bag!)
- Plain trainers or trainer-style shoe
- Wellies (kept in school)
- Water-proofs: jacket with hood or puddle-suit (kept in school if possible)



PE kit:

If you have a great OPAL uniform, and a plain pair of trainers, you DON'T NEED a different PE kit!

- A great OPAL uniform is a great PE kit – having a pair tracksuit bottoms and tracksuit shorts to swap between, based on the weather, will help
- Plain black, blue or grey leggings could be worn instead
- Trainers & socks – no logos, keep trainers as plain, dark colours

Other options:

An active OPAL-style uniform is our preference and matches an active day at school. You can also choose the following, but would need a different PE kit as listed above:

- Grey trousers or skirt (with tights or socks)
- Grey pinafore dress or blue gingham summer dress (with tights or socks)
- Branded Walter Halls jumper or cardigan
- Black school shoes / slip-ons (no high-heels/wedged heels, flip-flops or crocs)

Some children like wearing a traditional uniform – like a summer pinafore dress – but will wear plain leggings or cycling shorts underneath to help them be active and when they are playing outside



Safety & Conduct on School Site



PLEASE HELP US TO BE A HEALTHY AND HAPPY SCHOOL BY FOLLOWING THESE SIMPLE REQUESTS:

Illness - we want all of our children in school every day, even with minor coughs and colds. If your child has a stomach bug they should remain off school for 48 hours from the last time they vomited to stop the spread of illness in school. If your child has a different kind of illness and you're not sure if they should be in school or not, the NHS website has lots of great advice and our office team can also help you.

Parking - please be considerate, respectful and safe if using a car to come to and from school in. Road safety is very important, as is the happiness and respect shown towards local residents. The local authority discourages car use and parking in their inner-city schools and we do not have a car park to use. Staff parking is paid for by staff who choose to use this very small space.

Dogs, bikes and scooters - We love all of these things but our school site is a busy place with lots of young children on it. Dogs are not permitted on school site at any time, even when on a lead,

so please make plans to leave them at home if you're doing the school run. Bikes and scooters should not be ridden inside the school grounds - please dismount and push them along with you.

General conduct from all adults on school property - we set high standards for this. School is private property and the local authority will act to ensure that all adults who come onto this property behave in a respectful manner. We have systems of escalation in place for those who struggle to behave respectfully on school property and will ban anyone from our site for repeated incidents of poor conduct. Please do not gather on our school site after school hours - we know we have beautiful grounds but we also have a duty to safeguard our children who attend after school clubs, closing gates and securing the site again 10 minutes after the end of the school day.
