



AWA NEWS

9 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year. I hope you and your family had a happy and safe holiday. A very warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families, we hope they all settle quickly into school life and enjoy their time at Abbey Woods.

Please remember that school starts at **8.45am**, and ensure that your child is on time, so that lessons can commence promptly after registration.

Health & Safety

I would like to remind you that you are not allowed to smoke in or on the school premises, which includes the school's playgrounds and field. With the exception of guide dogs, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

For the safety of the children please do not park on the zigzag lines outside school. Please be extra cautious when driving on Wimblestraw Road near the school site.

Addresses/Telephone Numbers

Please remember to contact the school office or update Parent Portal if you have changed your phone number, email address and/or address.

Holidays

I would like to remind parents that the law gives **no entitlement to parents to take their children on holiday during term time**. Requests for term time holidays will be declined and any subsequent absences will be recorded as unauthorised. Our attendance and punctuality figures are monitored and challenged regularly by the Trust, the Local Authority and the Department for Education and high attendance is rightly seen as a sign of a successful school. Taking children out of school during term time gives them the impression that school is not important.

Uniform

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform to school every day:

- White polo shirt
- Red sweatshirt or cardigan
- Red and white checked dress, grey skirt, grey trousers or grey shorts (not leggings)
- Grey tights or socks
- Black shoes

Children should not wear jewellery to school.

PE Kit

- Plain black or navy shorts
- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black or navy tracksuit (Optional in colder weather)
- Trainers

Please contact the school office if you require any assistance with school uniform.

Dinner Money

Dinner money has increased to £2.20 per day - £11.00 per week. Please pay via ParentPay. Payment must be made by 1pm Friday each week.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal.

Dates for the Diary

Meet the Teacher

Monday 12 th September	Reception	2:45 – 3:15
Tuesday 13 th September	Year 1	2:45 – 3:15
Wednesday 14 th September	Year 2	2:45 – 3:15
Thursday 15 th September	Year 4	2:45 – 3:15
Friday 16 th September	Year 3	2:45 – 3:15
Monday 19 th September	Year 5	2:45 – 3:15
Tuesday 20 th September	Year 6	2:45 – 3:15

Parents' Evening

9th November	3:30 – 5:30
10th November	4:00 – 6:00

Please check the school website regularly for updates.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

I wish everyone a happy and successful new school year.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Charter
Headteacher