



Dear parents

I trust that you all enjoyed the summer break!

Staff are eagerly anticipating the return of the children on Thursday 25 August.

I remind you that parents must always report to the Central Office. In line with our Child Protection Policy, NO visitor is permitted access to corridors and classrooms throughout the day.

Traffic disruption and delays

You will already be aware that there is significant traffic delays and disruption to the Main Street area of the village which will affect our school access and collection. The new Linen Green development's storm drain is being positioned beneath the roadway. Although works commenced on 01 August, the contractors have encountered unforeseen delays.

The pedestrian crossing will be working and manned by Mr McKittrick (our Crossing Patrolman) as usual. However, please do your best to walk your children to school as we have lost much of the parking bays on Main Street due to the site works. I have met with NI Water several times throughout August and have been assured that the works will be finished by Friday 02 September. This will inevitably mean that when children return we will encounter significant delays on the roadside.

We are thankful to the Rev Mark Lennox (Rector of Holy Trinity Church of Ireland, Waringstown) who has granted us use of the Holy Trinity Church Car Park. This will at least enable parents to have some additional parking. Please **DO NOT** walk up the main school drive way with children as there isn't any pedestrian access via that roadway! Rather, park in the church grounds and escort your young children to the main doors as usual via the normal pedestrian path.

Drop off and collections will be difficult. Please be early, walk to the usual collection point for the following times:

- ✓ P1 children have been informed of their special collection arrangements already.
- ✓ P2 & 3 should be collected at 1.50pm from the usual point in the newly resurfaced pathway.
- ✓ P4 - P7 will go home at 3.00pm.

School Pedestrian Path

The positive point to come from the storm drain work is that the pedestrian path from the Main Street, past Noah's Ark Playgroup and down to our pedestrian gate is now totally

refreshed with a new layer of tarmac. This area, although not school property, has always been a cause for concern due to the poor condition of the surface in general.

Thursday 25 & Friday 26 August

Children will go home at the following dismissal times on the **two dates** above:

Nursery	staggered dismissals have already been arranged with parents.
P1	dismissals have already been arranged with parents.
P2 & P3	with older siblings at 12.25pm .
P4 & P5	with older siblings at 12.35pm .
P6 & P7	12.45pm .

It is hoped that by staggering our dismissals, we will be able to have all of our children leaving safely! Thank you for your full co-operation.

NB ... Packed Lunches are NOT required on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 August.

Epipen

All medicines and epipens **must be** with staff prior to the first day of term.

Parents of children who require an epipen should visit the school office prior to Thursday 25 August with the new epipens etc if the 'old' auto injectors are out of date. All staff have been trained in the use of Epipen. Epipens may be left with Mrs Morrow in the Central Office.

Nut & Kiwi Free Policy

We remind you that Waringstown Primary School operates a nut free and kiwi free policy as we have several children with SEVERE ALLERGIES. It is vital that you continue to support us in this matter to ensure the safety of ALL children.

As many food products contain traces of nuts it is also our policy that children should not share food at Break or Lunch time. Please talk often about this with your child prior to school commencing.

Children with Asthma

We respectfully ask that all children who suffer from asthma, even if it is seasonal, come to school with their new inhalers (please ensure each inhaler is clearly named with a label) which the staff will keep in school in case of emergency use.

Our Asthma Register will be updated at the end of September.

Anthisan Ointment

Please sign the Anthisan Ointment pro-forma which is being sent home via each class teacher. We are aware that the school is plagued with wasps at present and the ointment consent allows us to immediately alleviate a child's pain should they be stung. Thank you!

School Dinners

I remind you that the School Kitchen starts work on Thursday 01 September. Prior to this, children should have their own Packed Lunch (except for Thursday 25 & Friday 26 August when children do not require a packed lunch as they go home early).

The Windsor Hill Pedestrian Gate

The gate will open at **8.45am** and **NOT** before.

Please note that the Windsor Hill development does not have a drop off facility. Neither does it have a car park where you may stop, park and accompany your child into school or the Nursery Unit.

The Windsor Hill access gate is a **PEDESTRIAN GATE ONLY**.

Yours sincerely



C M^cCambley
(Principal)

Child Protection Team

WPS Nursery Unit	Foundation Stage (Primary 1 & 2)	Key Stage One (Primary 3 & 4)	Key Stage Two (Primary 5 - 7)	Principal
Mrs C Emerson (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)	Mrs J Brown (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)	Mr M Gault (Designated Teacher for Child Protection)	Mr C M ^c Cambley	Mr C M ^c Cambley (Member of the Child Protection Team)

Child Protection Governors

Mr T M ^c Kay	Mrs H Wan
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Asthma Register ... Child's name _____ Class teacher: _____
My child has been diagnosed as suffering from asthma. I would like to add their name to the School's Asthma Register.
I will provide a spare inhaler for the school asap.

