

Waringstown Primary School

August Newsletter



Dear parents

I trust that you all enjoyed the summer break!

I wish to thank Mr D McKee (Premises Manager) and his cleaning team for their summer work. The school has been deep cleaned and is looking its very best, both inside and out, in preparation for the return of our children.

Staff are eagerly anticipating the return of the children on [Thursday 24 August](#). The pedestrian gates will be open at 8.45am. The school driveway is NOT for drop off nor is pedestrian access allowed.

Nursery and Primary One have a staggered start and you will be notified of pick-up times via the class teachers.

P2 – P7 have the following collection times for Thursday 24 and Friday 25 August.

- ❖ P2 – P4 plus older school siblings to be collected at 12.35pm.
- ❖ P5 – P7 leave at 12.45pm.

[School Protocols](#)

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

[School Pedestrian Path](#)

The Primary One pick up point is within the Staff Car Park. P2 parents are encouraged to stand on the Noah's Ark Playgroup side of the path whilst P3 are to stand opposite the Noah's Ark Playgroup. Initially, we will have labels in place to help.

Thursday 24 & Friday 25 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 & P4	with older siblings at 12.35pm .
P5, P5 & P7	with older siblings at 12.45pm .
Mr McKittrick	(Crossing Patrol) will be on duty as usual.

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 24 and Friday 25 August.

Epipen

All medicines and epipen **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should visit the school office prior to Thursday 24 August with the new epipens etc if the 'old' auto injectors are out of date.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 with 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 throughout 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 grounds can be troubled with wasps in Term One 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 Friday 01 September. Prior to this, children should have their own Packed Lunch (except for Thursday 24 & Friday 25 August when children do not require a packed lunch as they go home early).

Snack required for Primary 3 children upwards

Primary 3 children upwards require a mid-morning Break / Snack from home. Snack, which is provided in the Foundation Stage, does not continue throughout the school.

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.

Please be aware that Primary Walk and the Linen Green developments are a cause for concern as residents regularly telephone the school to complain if their cars are blocked or hemmed in by what they see as 'school cars'.

Water Bottles

I respectfully ask that the drinks bottles brought to school for use throughout the course of the day contain water. Juice for packed lunch or break should be in the packed lunch boxes and may obviously be consumed over the lunch period. Please avoid PRIME drinks bottles; even if they simply contain water! Children are able to replenish their drinks bottles at Break time using the chilled and ambient drinks fountains located throughout the school in the various resource areas.

Consent forms

Attached to this Newsletter are the consents forms which must be signed and returned to school. The consents cover:

- the use of EpiPen for children with anaphylaxis,
- the use of Anthisan ointment should a child be stung by a wasp or a bee during outdoor play and
- whether a child uses an asthmatic inhaler.

PLEASE complete these three pro-formas and return them to school on your child's first day at school.

Thank you for your continued support in the preparation of children for school as we start another academic year.

Yours sincerely



C M°Cambley
(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.



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Please complete the entire page and return to school immediately if you have not already done so.

Asthma Register

1/ My child has an asthmatic inhaler (one provided to school) and I would like them to be included in Waringstown Primary School's Asthma Register:

Yes (Move to No 2)

No (Please sign and date)

PRINT CHILD'S NAME: _____

Parental Signature: _____

Date: _____

2/ I grant permission for the school to administer the spare inhaler in the case of an emergency **(ONLY TO BE FILLED IN IF YOU TICKED YES TO QUESTION 1)**

Yes

No

Parental Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Anthisan Ointment & Jungle Formula Bite and Sting Spray

I give permission for Anthisan Ointment or Jungle Formula Bite & Sting Spray to be used in the event of a sting.

Parental Signature: _____

Date: _____

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EpiPen / Autoinjector

I wish to inform / remind the school that my child holds an EpiPen. I have provided an 'in date' pen to the class teacher for return to school in August 2023.

Parental Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please note the Absence Notes are available for download from the Resources Section of the School Website. Click Resources, Downloads & Forms.

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Absence Note

Pupil Name: _____ Class: _____

Date (s) of absence: _____

Date of return to school: _____

Reason for absence: _____

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