

# Wygate Park Academy



## Parents' Newsletter—Autumn Term 1 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome back all of our children into school this week, following months of hard work behind the scenes in order to make it possible. To see so many smiling faces and children happy to be back in class, made the seemingly endless list of Risk Assessing very much worthwhile! Despite this return to a little bit of "normality" the school and its community still face many challenges in the weeks and months ahead. We understand the difficulty facing some families with regards to the staggered drop off and pick up times having to be implemented, the current shutdown of our Breakfast & Afterschool Club facilities and the anxiety many families are facing due to the return to school. All of the decisions we have been forced to make as a school are all based on Government policy and guidelines and how well we are equipped to implement them, whilst making sure we are keeping people as safe as possible. Certain scenarios like staggered timings and face masks not being worn in school are directives straight from the Government, not us as policy makers in school, and we are thankful for the understanding and support we have received from the vast majority of our families around these difficult decisions we are being forced to make. As a school we pride ourselves on being there and supporting our families as much as possible, and we will do whatever we can to help ease the burden that returning to school may have brought. Unfortunately, there will be times when we simply cannot move from our Risk Assessment, or we face putting large groups of people at risk.

Despite the many changes that have had to be brought in, we will endeavour to make sure that school continues to be as fun, inspiring and exciting for our children as possible. The teachers have lots of exciting things planned, and we can't wait to get stuck in and make up for lost time!

With guidance seemingly changing daily again at the minute, please continue to follow our social media platforms to keep updated on any changes that we may need to implement.

I'm looking forward to another exciting year at Wygate Park!

Thank you for your on-going support towards the school.

Kind regards,

Dr Early.

### CURRICULUM EVENINGS

Curriculum Evenings provide an opportunity for parents to come into school to find out a little more about what the year group expectations are for the upcoming academic year. It gives teachers a chance to explain how parents can support children at home, through homework, reading, spellings etc. The school will continue with Curriculum Evenings again this year, but of course there will be changes due to the current pandemic crisis. Outlined below are the key points for these meetings and how we would like to manage the safety of all attending.

1. We would ask parents to use the form which will be created on WEDUC to indicate whether they can attend or not, to help the school gauge numbers.
2. Parents will enter in through the Office and will sanitise their hands
3. We would ask that only 1 parent per family attends the Curriculum Evening
4. We would ask Parents to wear face masks, due to them being in an enclosed environment for a prolonged period of time. This is following Government Policy.
5. For parents attending the Curriculum Evenings, the school will look after the children until these are finished. Parents will then exit via the Office and can collect children from the classroom.
6. To help with social distancing - all Curriculum Evenings will take place in the Hall.
7. Physical information packs will be provided for all parents who attend and we will send these home to those who are unable to attend.

We look forward to seeing you all!

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## Dates For Your Diary

**Wednesday 9th September** - EYFS start full days

**Monday 14th September** - Reception Curriculum Evening (3:00pm-4:00pm)

**Wednesday 16th September** - Year 1 Curriculum Evening (3:00pm-4:00pm)

**Thursday 17th September** - Year 2 Curriculum Evening (3:00pm-4:00pm)

**Friday 18th September** - Year 3 Curriculum Evening (3:00pm-4:00pm)

**Monday 21st September** - Year 4 Curriculum Evening (3:30pm-4:30pm)

**WB: Monday 21st September** - ELITE AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS START

Monday 21st - Multiskills Club YEAR 3

Tuesday 22nd - Multiskills Club YEAR 4

Wednesday 23rd - Multiskills Club YEAR 5

Friday 25th - Multiskills Club YEAR 6

**Wednesday 23rd September** - Year 6 Curriculum Evening (3:30pm-4:30pm)

**Thursday 24th September** - Year 5 Curriculum Evening (3:30pm-4:30pm)

**Tuesday 13th October** - Flu Vaccinations

**Friday 23rd October** - TERM ENDS

**Monday 9th November** - TERM STARTS

**Tuesday 10th November** - Parents' Evenings (3:30pm-6:30pm)

**Wednesday 11th November** - Parents' Evenings (3:30pm-6:30pm)

**WB: Monday 30th November** - ELITE AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS FINISH

Monday 30th - Multiskills Club YEAR 3

Tuesday 1st - Multiskills Club YEAR 4

Wednesday 2nd - Multiskills Club YEAR 5

Friday 4th - Multiskills Club YEAR 6