

Wygate Park Academy



Parents' Newsletter—Summer Term 1 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a fantastic Easter holiday and took full advantage of the great weather and the chance to be able to meet up with family and friends safely outside, and if you were really lucky, potentially in a pub garden!

It is hard to believe that we are already into the Summer Term and we begin making plans again to welcome the next 30 children who will be joining the Wygate family in September. The last 12 months have been the most challenging that we have ever faced as a school and as a wider Community, but together we have met this challenge head on and ensured that our children and families have been supported fantastically throughout the whole pandemic. This success could not have been achieved without the amazing Wygate staff and the wonderful support and understanding that our Wygate families have given us. The kind words, appreciative emails etc. have kept us all going through the tough times - so from us all here, thank you!

As the Country begins to ease itself out of Lockdown there are lots of things to look forward to and enjoy, but we must still remember that the risks remain the same for us as a school. To ensure we continue to keep everyone safe here on site and reduce the disruption bubble closures cause, we encourage all of our families to continue to follow the Risk Assessment guidance that has been communicated previously. That includes not sharing the dropping off/picking up of other children across different year group bubbles, only 1 adult picking up children, wearing masks at drop off and pick up and maintaining social distancing at all times whilst on site.

The staggered drop off and pick up times remain in place and we would again ask parents to ensure that you are not arriving too early for your allotted time slots, resulting in parents waiting around for long periods on site. If you arrive too early, you may be asked to wait offsite to ensure we can minimise large gatherings of adults, on the school grounds.

We look forward to another fantastic term ahead at Wygate Park and as ever, we appreciate all your support and understanding.

Kind regards,

Dr C. Early

SWIMMING

The School has continued to monitor the Swimming situation and has made regular contact with the Swimming Pool to advise when lessons would be able to resume. Despite some Pools offering this facility, the School was advised that lessons would not be resuming until September. More information on this will follow next term, as the picture becomes clearer.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The School is keeping a close eye on developments and information being released by Government in respect of Lockdown measures and the implications this has on us at school, with respect to visits, Sports Days, hot lunches etc. Currently, with regards to visits and Sports Day in particular, it is still too soon to say whether these will be able to resume safely or not. Whilst the Government has given a deadline of June 21st for all restrictions to be lifted, this is no guarantee. All we know at the minute, are the guidance and restrictions in place will prevent any of these occurring as we would normally do. The serving of hot lunches is again something the School is looking at on a weekly basis. The balance between offering a "hot meal" and the safety and time implications to do this, is something which under the current bubble restrictions, the School is simply not able to do. We will continue to monitor and review this as the guidance evolves and changes.