Education Authority South Eastern Region

Old Warren Primary School

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Principal

Old Warren Primary School

Tuesday 15th August 2023

***Dear Parents,***

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer break. School resumes for all pupils on Friday 25th August. We look forward to seeing you then!

***Class Structure***

P1 Mrs Jebb

P2 Mrs Orr

P3 Mrs Kerr

P4 Mrs Fox (Mon, Tue)

Miss Lowham (Wed, Thu, Fri)

P5 Miss Lowham (Mon, Tue)

Mrs Hughes (Wed, Thu, Fri)

P6 Mr Dugan

P7 Mr Williamson (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu)

Mr Campbell (Fri)

***School Arrival and Departure***

The daily timetable for our pupils is as follows:

(Please note that the arrival and departure times have changed slightly from last year)

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| Class | Morning Arrival | Afternoon Departure |
| P1 | 8:55am (Main Gate) | 2pm (Main Gate) |
| P2 | 8:55am (Side Gate) | 2pm (Side Gate) |
| P3 | 8:55am (Main Gate) | 2pm (Main Gate) |
| P4 | 9:00am (Side Gate) | 3pm (Side Gate)  Friday 2pm (Side Gate) |
| P5 | 9:00am (Main Gate) | 3pm (Main Gate) |
| P6 | 9:00am (Side Gate) | 3pm (Side Gate) |
| P7 | 9:00am (Main Gate) | 3pm (Main Gate) |
| Nursery | 8:45am (Main Gate) | 1:15pm (Main Gate) |

Pupils should arrive at the specified time. The teacher will open the school gate to allow the children to assemble on the playground. Parents should not enter the school grounds.

Pupils will be taken to the school gate by their class teacher at the end of the day. Parents should wait outside the school gates.

***School Dinners***

From Friday 1st September, the school meal service will provide a cooked lunch for pupils on free school meals and those who wish to purchase a meal. The EA have yet to confirm the price. Money must be paid on Monday mornings and the exact amount must be put into a sealed envelope. Change cannot be given.

Children should bring a packed lunch on Friday 25th August, Tuesday 29th August, Wednesday 30th August and Thursday 31st August. (School is closed for the bank holiday on Monday 28th August) The school dinner service begins on Friday 1st September 2023.

***School Fund***

Across Northern Ireland, schools are continuing to manage reduced government funded budgets. School fund provides finance to further improve our school. The cost of school fund is £20 per child or £25 per family. We hope to collect contributions from each family. All school fund goes towards improving your child’s education. Please send the school fund to the teacher of your ELDEST child as soon as possible. Thank you for your anticipated support.

***School Uniform***

I believe that wearing school uniform establishes a sense of pride in our pupils. It also demonstrates to the local community, that our school strives to reach the highest possible standards. School uniform should be worn at all times. The school uniform consists of the school jumper and polo-shirt, trousers/skirt and school shoes.

***PE Kit***

It is school policy that children wear a PE kit when taking part in PE lessons. Children will be permitted to wear the new tracksuit on PE/Swimming/Gymnastic days.

**The purchase of the tracksuit is optional.**

The PE kit consists of shorts/skirt and a t-shirt. Children are not permitted to wear their outside shoes in the hall for P.E. We recommend the wearing of inexpensive black slip on gym shoes. For safety reasons, children who forget their shoes will have to do P.E. in their bare feet or not at all, as socks would be dangerous. Please label all items of clothing, especially sweatshirts. Use a biro on the label to write the child’s initials. Kits can be left in school in a named PE bag.

Parents will be notified when PE sessions will take place.

***Free Breakfast Club: Begins on Monday 5th September***

Breakfast Club begins on Monday 5th September. Children should assemble at the side gate at 8:20am. A member of staff will collect them from the gate and escort them to the school dining hall. The gate will close at 8:30am. Pupils will not be permitted entry after this time. Parents must register their child if they wish to attend. Permission slips will be issued next week.

***KS1 After School Club (P1, P2, P3)***

The club resumes on Monday 4th September. Pupils may attend from 2pm until 2:55pm.

Please ensure that the £2 per day payment is made on Friday of the previous week. It must be in an envelope which clearly states the days that are needed. This will enable us to calculate numbers in advance. The correct change is also needed. Unfortunately, if payment is not received on the specified day, your child will not be allocated a place.

P4 pupils may attend each Friday. (2pm until 2:55pm)

***Healthy Break***

The school now has a healthy break policy. Children are permitted to bring a healthy snack to be consumed during break time. This will have a long term benefit to the health of your child. Children are permitted to bring a ‘treat’ for their break on Friday of each week.

All pupils are allowed to drink water during class time. Please send a small plastic bottle into school for this purpose. Children have access to chilled/filtered water during the day. Pupils are NOT allowed fizzy drinks or juice during class time as this hinders concentration.

***Parent Information***

Copies of all letters and circulars are on our Facebook page and are downloadable from our website. Information letters for each class will be made available on our school website.

Yours sincerely,

S Campbell

Principal