



Warboys Primary Academy

Moving Forward Together

To Develop Confident, Independent Learners

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you all had a wonderful summer holiday and enjoyed some quality time together with your families. A particularly warm welcome to all our new families joining us this year, I am sure you will soon start to feel like part of the Warboys family. The school has been a hive of activity during the summer break and the team have been working hard to refresh the school ready for the new year. Another skip has been filled with rubbish and school is looking fabulous. A big well done and thank you to all the team.

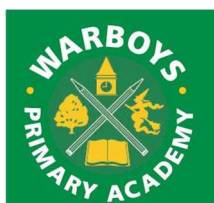
In addition to the work inside the building you will notice that the new playground markings have also been completed during the holiday. This has really brightened up the outdoor learning spaces and we are very grateful to the PTFA and everyone who has supported them to fund this important piece of work.

Please can I remind you that all children are expected to wear the correct school uniform every day without exception. This includes their PE lessons, so please ensure that children have their PE kits in school every day from the start of term. It is also important that children have different footwear to change into for PE lessons, so please provide trainers or plimsolls in addition to your child's school shoes. A copy of the uniform requirements is attached for your information. If you would like further information, please refer to the school website or ask a member of the team.

Last term I wrote to inform you the Handwriting Policy has changed. This is just a polite reminder that we no longer issue pen licenses and children are not permitted to bring their own pencil cases and writing equipment into school.

Access to the school site has changed. Please note that when you are dropping off and collecting children at the start and end of the day, access will **only** be through the side gates. The front entrance will continue to be used for visitors, but you will no longer be permitted to walk through the EYFS outdoor learning area at the front of school. Access between key stages 1 and 2 can still be gained by walking round the back of the school building. We have taken this step to improve safeguarding arrangements and reduce movement through EYFS. Thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter.

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Our 'Meet the teacher' events will take place next week - please check the weekly newsletter for dates and times of these. The teachers will be available in their classrooms after school so you can visit with your child and ask any questions. The teachers will also provide you with a curriculum information sheet so that you will know what children will be learning about this term. Please do not worry if you are unable to attend. All information will be sent home and published on the school website in the class pages.

As you are aware the school does not authorise term time holidays so please ensure that you check the school calendar before booking any holidays to avoid any potential issues.

Once again, the school celebrated some very positive end of year results. I have included the data with this letter for your information. Please be aware that this is still provisional data as we are awaiting the outcomes of some requests for papers to be re-marked and further confirmation of national data which should be available in October. I will update you further when all information becomes available.

The school improvement priorities for 2019/20 have been identified as:

- Improving outcomes in phonics and spelling by developing our teaching of vocabulary.
- Creating further opportunities for children to work at 'greater depth' in Maths by continuing to embed the mastery approach across school.

Whilst these are the key priorities for the year, we will also be working on a number of other school improvement priorities which I hope to do in consultation with you either individually or through the parent forum. The first one this half term will be to develop a set of school values to drive our school ethos and make it clear what we stand for so we will be exploring the 'big question'.

What are the values that are important to us at Warboys Primary Academy?

Children, staff and parents will have the opportunity to contribute to this work with the aim being that we identify a set of shared core values by half term.

The autumn term presents many opportunities for you to come into school and see your children take part in performances so class assemblies will not take place during the autumn term. They will be scheduled from the spring term onwards and we will ensure that dates are published well in advance.

The new academic year is full of promise and it has been wonderful to see all the children back in school again today. I am very excited about the year ahead and look forward to working with you and the team at Warboys to ensure that our children have another fantastic year in school.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if there is anything you would like to discuss.

With very best wishes for the new year

Becky Ford
Headteacher