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Dear Parents and Carers

Nobody wanted this year to end this way. Although it has been lovely to have some of our children in school, it is not the same as having our whole school community together. We look forward to September when we can hopefully return to something like normal but of course we will not be seeing our Y6 children again as they move on to their secondary schools. Y6 we will miss you. You have been wonderful ambassadors for Warstones and for your families. We were so excited to see what you would have achieved in SATS – we felt this was going to be the best year yet. But we know your secondary schools will benefit from all the hard work you have done in school and out. We are so proud of you.

Sadly, we also say farewell to Mrs Sandhu and Mrs Wells. Covid-19 has had an impact on so many people, none more so than these two wonderful teachers. Mrs Wells has to shield to an extent now that she is unable to come into school so has decided to retire. Mrs Sandhu is also retiring but earlier than hoped through the loss of her father and the need to support her family. Both of these wonderful ladies have given so much to this school, they are legends of Warstones and we are the lesser for them leaving. They go with our love and every hope for a long and happy retirement. They deserve nothing less.

We look forward to Miss Beeston joining our staff in September. She is returning to Wolverhampton having been teaching in London. I know she will receive a warm welcome from everyone and soon feel part of the Warstones family. Mrs Bayliss is also taking on a new role as she becomes our new SENCO as well as class teacher. She will be supported by Mrs Brown in this role initially.

Classes in September 2020

2019-20	September 2020	2019-20	September 2020
	Teeny Weenies Mrs Gill and Mrs Jones		Nursery Miss Diamond
	RMR Mrs Ragdale		RAC Mrs Crosthwaite
RMR	1EW Mrs Evans and Mrs Walker	RBC	1JL Miss Lane
1EW	2CS Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Selby	1JC	2CW Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Wilcox
2AS	3RF Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Zollino	2CW	3EM Mrs Mines
3EM	4JC Mr Corbett	3CF	4LW Miss Woodward
4EW	5JM Mr McNaught	4JM	5BP Mrs Bayliss and Mr Powell
5SS	6AC Mr Cook	5JC	6RB Miss Beeston

Plans for September

We are putting together plans to enable all children to return to school in September. But there are going to be changes to the daily organisation of the school day. Year groups will become bubbles while also keeping classes separate as far as possible. Staff need to keep 2m from children. This will also mean classroom set ups will change with desks facing forwards where there is space to avoid any risk from children working face to face. We will have staggered start/finish times, playtimes, lunchtimes and have additional opportunities for children to go to the toilet and wash hands during the day.

School lunches will need to be eaten in classrooms. We are working with Shires, our catering contractors, to provide a variety of simple lunches that can be served easily in the rooms, which may appeal to those currently having packed lunches too. As soon as we have a menu planned I will send this out to parents.

The biggest difficulty will be trying to get all our children in and out of school without creating bottlenecks of children down our corridors and in cloakrooms. We currently have a one way system in place using all three gates since June which has been



very successful. However, with so many children coming in, it will become vitally important children arrive at the designated time given. No parents are supposed to come onto site, however we realise that this is simply not practical for our younger children, especially our new starters. Early Years and KS1 parents are able to walk round the school if they wish to drop off children at the appropriate door. Please be aware that you **must keep moving** round and keep a distance from others if we are to continue with this. We also would request that only one adult per child comes onto school grounds for this. We have put our newest children to come in last to allow for extra time to make coming in as stress-less as possible. At the end of the day we will have children ready so as we see you come round, we can have them at the door. Please do not stop to talk to staff at the beginning and end of days. Any messages can be e-mailed to the key stage e-mail and any letters put in a box at the door when you drop off. This is so important if we are to continue parents coming on to the school grounds.

KS2 children must come in on their own in the morning, however if you are picking up at the end of the day, please come and stand on the playground at a sensible distance from others. It is also important to keep to the school side of the playground so parents from EY/KS1 can walk round to exit school safely with their children too. Please can we ask that bikes and scooters are not ridden on the school grounds while we are trying to keep to our family bubbles and to keep a distance from others.

Times for start /finish September 2020

Year	Start	Finish	Ent/Ext door	Year	Start	Finish	Ent/Ext door
Tweenies	9.10am/12.40pm	12.10/3.40pm	Nur/TW door	Year 3	8.45am	3.10pm	FaF door
Nursery	8.50am/12.30pm	11.50am/3.30pm	Nur/TW door	Year 4	8.45am	3.10pm	Ramp
Reception	9am	3.20pm	RMR Recep door RAC Recep door	Year 5	8.35am	3pm	Ramp
Year 1	8.35am	3pm	Y1/Recep door (by RMR) (Exit for 1JL from Y2 door)	Year 6	8.35am	3pm	FaF door
Year 2	8.45am	3.10pm	Y1/Recep door (by RMR) (Exit for 2CW from Y2 door)				

It will be VITAL that children arrive at these times ONLY. Late children can not enter through the office or enter doors at the same time as another bubble. Nor can children arrive early and wait. They need to arrive at the correct time and walk straight in. We are aware that families with children in more than one year group may have to wait for different entry times so we have tried to keep the stagger as short as we can. We are looking at alternative arrangements for siblings of Reception, Nursery and TW children so parents are not having to wait around with anxious new starter children. We will contact you separately. Please remember that attendance will be compulsory again in September.

We are glad that the online lessons started for Y2,3,4 and 5 have been well received. However, we do have safeguarding concerns regarding children using the Teams logins to connect with others without supervision. If we have to return to lockdown at any point, this will be one of our methods of teaching so we do need to ensure that children are safe when on line. Please ensure your child is supervised using the internet at all times and monitor what they are doing while on it in case they are accessing Teams at the wrong times or using inappropriate aged games and social media.

Transition videos made by the teacher in your child's next year group are on the school webpage under the Parents section. Do share these with your children to help reassure them before September. Any questions, do e-mail the relevant key stage email contact (EY@warstonesprimary.co.uk, KS1@warstonesprimary.co.uk, KS2@warstonesprimary.co.uk, DRB@warstonesprimary.co.uk).

We will be back to normal with school uniform so can I put my yearly plea out for everything to be named. School shoes should be robust, not boots or flimsy sandals. To avoid transfer of the virus, uniform should be fresh each day. PE kits should be in a drawstring bag if possible and **be left at school**. PE kit consists of a white or school team coloured T shirt, black shorts and plimsolls. For outdoor games, tracksuits to go over PE kit and trainers can be brought in. We do see a variety of clothes being brought for PE and they are not always appropriate for the activities being done. No football shirts should be brought in to avoid any issues over who supports who! Children can bring in their own equipment from September but they must not be shared. We do ask that this is kept to a minimum, eg one pencil case and a school book bag (not large rucksack) as space in the classroom will be at a premium. Thank you.

School Reports

Your child's report is being sent out this week. As the children have only been in for the first half of the year and have been away so long, the reports can only comment on what they achieved in the first 6 months. Assessment data is based on teacher's judgements as to whether children were on track to achieve their age related expectations at the time of lockdown. As only half of the year's curriculum was covered, not all the subjects were taught in enough depth to give a qualitative

judgement so there may not always be a comment. If your child has returned to school since lockdown, there will also be a comment on how well they have settled back to school life, to keep you informed of how well they have coped. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the report with your child's teacher, please do e mail to the relevant key stage e mail address and this will be passed to their teacher.

Contact Details.

Over lockdown, staff tried to contact all the children in their classes but struggled as many of the numbers held by school were unobtainable. Please can everyone complete the data collection sheet sent with your child's report and return it to school, whether there are changes or not, so we can keep details up to date. This is particularly important as schools must engage with the track and trace strategy in September so we need to be able to contact families if there are any incidents of Covid19 in school.

Please remember to complete the survey form for After School requests by Friday 10th July. You can access the survey by following the link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nnwrUuRD0WALH_XTtX2CifeEb7jk7IOoHf_I0vBcCxUQlhVQk1ZTzRDMFIYRVRIVVVQSIJFUJJVRS4u

Finally, thank you all! For your patience and understanding especially over the last few months. This has been a difficult time for everyone and we hope that we are on the way to a bit more normality for next year. Thank you to all the key workers who have worked tirelessly for the benefit of others and amongst them, can I thank all the staff at Warstones who have been so amazing, working so conscientiously at home and at school to help support our wonderful children. I am immensely proud of everyone associated with our school. Everyone has gone above and beyond and I know that this will continue as we help support the children on their return. Please do let us know if your child is struggling or if there have been particularly difficult times, so we can find the best way to help them and you. Mental health and well-being for all is going to be especially important going forward and we will be sending out a questionnaire to help identify needs in September.

We wish you all a lovely, relaxing Summer after all the stress of the last few months. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday 2nd September for the start of 2020-21 – let's make it a great year!

Warstones Primary School Term Dates

2020/21

Autumn Term 2020

INSET day Tuesday 1 September (no children in school)

Term Time: Wednesday 2nd September 2020 to Friday 23 October 2020

Half Term: Monday 26 October 2020 to Friday 30 October 2020

INSET day Monday 2 November (no children in school)

Term Time: Tuesday 3 November 2020 to Friday 18 December 2020

Spring Term 2021

INSET day Monday 4 January (no children in school)

Term Time: Tuesday 5 January 2021 to Friday 12 February 2021

Half Term: Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021

Term Time: Monday 22 February 2021 to Thursday 1 April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Term Time: Monday 19 April 2021 to Thursday 27 May 2021

INSET day Friday 28 May (no children in school)

Half Term: Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021

INSET day Monday 7 June (no children in school)

Term Time: Tuesday 8 June 2021 to Wednesday 21 July 2021