



Woolacombe School – 2nd September Newsletter 2021

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the start of September upon us, I write in the hope that you have all had an exceptional summer holiday and to welcome you back to the start of a new and exciting academic year.

Last year we saw many great developments at Woolacombe with the children growing their character and articulating how character development is the foundation to their learning. It has been wonderful to see them all grow as inspirational changemakers and I hope this year we can invite you in regularly.

We have missed not having you on site with us, sharing the outstanding developments and displaying the phenomenal learning taking place. Each term I will be welcoming parents onto site for a tour conducted by myself and pupils and then a coffee morning. The first of these will be at the end of September, timings and personal invitations will be sent in due course.

Teachers will also be sending out a parent welcome letter and hosting a parent welcome meeting in the first few weeks so that you can meet your child's class teacher, meet the new senior leadership team and also see your child's classroom.

Pupils return to school on **Tuesday 7th September** and gates will open at **8.40am** and registration will start promptly at **8.50am**. All children should be in class for **8.50am registration each day**. Parents can escort their children to their class door/gate where the teachers will be waiting. Children will enter their KS2 classrooms independently and teachers will be waiting by the door from **8.40am** each morning to greet them. Children will come into their classroom and participate in a registration activity. All parents should leave school premises by **8.50am**

Parents will not come into the school building in the mornings, we have found that one great positive from COVID is that children have settled much better in the mornings with this system in place .



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Pick-ups will be at **3.15pm**. Parents are to wait outside their child's classroom for their children to be dismissed. Reception/KS1 Teachers will dismiss the children when they see their parent waiting outside their child's. KS2 children will be dismissed from their classes and we ask parents to wait on the playground for their KS2 children. Please ensure written permission is given to the class teacher for any KS2 child you wish to walk home independently.

Nursery children will be dropped off at 9.00am and picked up at 3pm at the Nursery gate entrance.

We ask that all parents drop off and pick up promptly to avoid huge gatherings on the playground before or after school. Unfortunately, Devon is an Enhanced Response Area, so although most restrictions have been eased we must also ensure we avoid situations, which could increase the spread of COVID.

School Dinners/Morning and after school club- From Monday you will also be able to book lunches/morning and after school club on School Money.

School uniform – Please see the attached information regarding school uniform.

Finally, attached to this letter is a new RA for COVID and management outbreak plan. Although restrictions have eased, COVID rates in Devon are very high and as mentioned above Devon is an Enhanced Response Area. These documents detail what we will do if there is an outbreak, or if someone becomes symptomatic on site.

The team and I are very much looking forward to seeing you next week and to share a new year full of innovation, community spirit, character development and academic success with you.

Kind Regards,



Mrs Gail Holmes - Executive Headteacher - Woolacombe School

Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term

Non-Pupil Day

Monday 6th September

Term begins

Tuesday 7th September

Non-Pupil Day

22nd October

October Half Term

25th - 29th October

Start of 2nd Half of Autumn Term

1st November

Last Day of Autumn Term

17th December 2021