

2nd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and that you and your children are rested and ready for the brand new school year! We are so looking forward to seeing you!

I wanted to let you know about a few things before Monday:

For the **first day back, on Monday**, we would like to invite parents and carers to take their child/ren into their new classroom. Going forward, parents and carers are most welcome into their child's class on Fridays: *'Walk in Fridays'*.

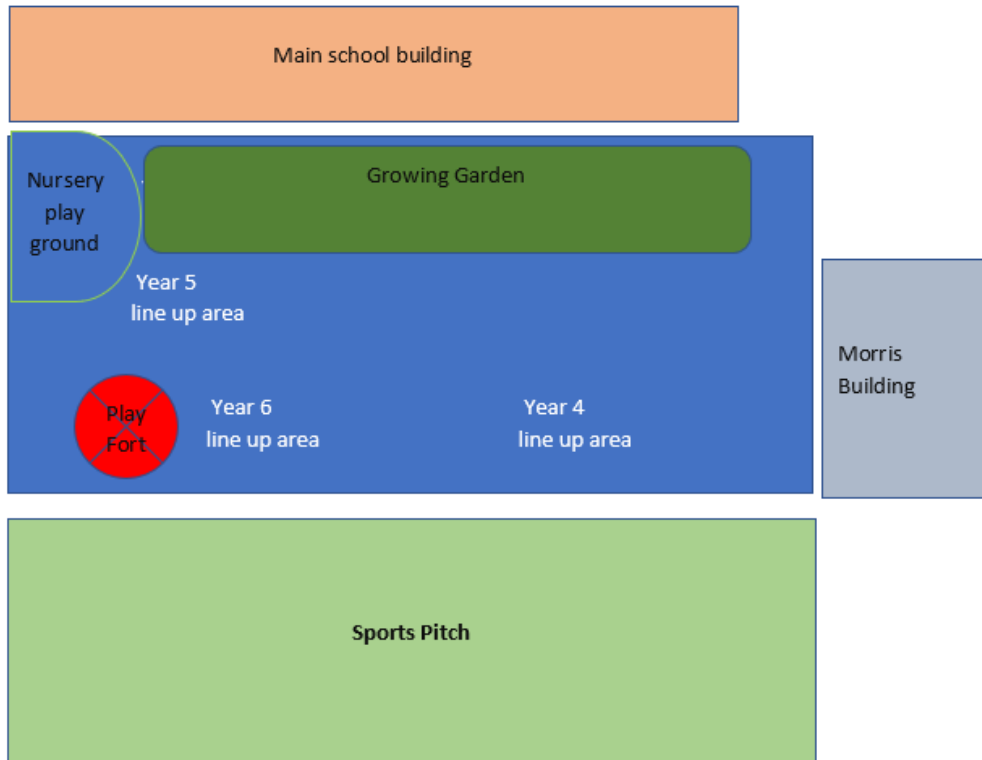
Parent and teacher information meetings will be held from the first week back, as per the email sent to you before the end of last term on the 14th July. As a reminder, the dates are as follows:

Year 6: Tuesday 6th September
Year 5: Thursday 8th September
Year 4: Friday 9th September
Year 3: Monday 12th September
Year 2: Tuesday 13th September
Year 1: Thursday 15th September
Nursery: Tuesday 11th October
Reception: Tuesday 18th October

In line with the **Government's announcement on the length of the school day**, some finish times will be slightly different from September.

- All children are welcome into school from 8.45am, which is when the school's doors open. Punctuality is a focus this year, with a regular prize draw for individual children who arrive at school on time!
- Teachers will follow very strict protocol and take the register at 8.55am, which is the time your child should be in the classroom. (We will still run a 5-minute grace period between 8.55am and 9 am to allow for very exceptional circumstances, when it has not been possible to get your child in at 8.45am.)
- The register will close at promptly at 9am.
- Your child will be marked late, according to the office radio-controlled clock, if they arrive later than 9am.
- Please be mindful that staff on the ground floor in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 have been told to be very strict about closing their doors at 9am. Don't forget that if you need to speak with, or make an appointment to see, a member of staff, please do contact them via parentmessages@williamtyndale.islington.sch.uk ; your message will be passed on.
- Timings for the end of the day will be as follows:
 - **Nursery** door will open at 2.50pm. (Children not collected by 3 will incur a charge.)
 - **Reception** and **Year 1** doors will open at 3.25pm.
 - **Year 2** will line up outside the Reception play area at 3.30pm, flanking the fence in front of the handwashing trough, by the office as you come down the lane from Upper Street. (This will be subject to review as it is a change from last year.)
 - **Year 3** will line up in the KS1 playground opposite the stage, against the wall of my office.

- **Years 4– 6** will be brought down to the playground at 3.30pm. Please could parents wait near to where their child’s class lines up, avoiding bottlenecking by the end of the Morris Building. Children will not be dismissed as they come out and down the stairs – only from their line. Thank you so much in advance for this!



- Any children not collected on time will be taken to Kids’ Club where a charge will apply from 3.40pm.

Finally, as we are going to have to be especially careful with our energy consumption, we would be very grateful if you would ensure your child wears more and more layers (labelled please!) as autumn progresses into winter. Teachers are also keen to be able to do more outdoor learning, so sensible shoes and appropriate clothing will support this as well.

Here’s to another fabulous year!

Best wishes

Tanya