

ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Broadening Horizons

29th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to believe that nearly 4 weeks of term have passed already. I am very proud of all our children at Waddington Redwood: they have settled into classes and routines quickly, are working extremely hard and report that they are thoroughly enjoying being back at school. Thank you to all our parents and carers for doing such an amazing job preparing them for the return (especially our new children – they have been phenomenal!)

In addition, thank you to everyone for your support with the drop off and collection of your children. After a precarious start, we think that the situation has settled well. I do understand that there are still some glitches but please remember not to enter the premises before your allocated drop off and pick up time (a timetable is at the end of this newsletter), keep your distance from others, and wear a mask outside if you wish. Please note that children in primary school are not required to wear masks within the premises.

Communication

In order to improve our communication in the current climate, I am asking parents/carers to contact class teachers directly by e-mail if you need to pass on any information with regard to your child's education or well-being. E-mails will not be answered by teachers outside of working hours or at weekends. Parents/carers can expect a reply within 3 working days so if you need to contact the academy with urgent business e.g. changes to drop off or pick up arrangements, please phone the office or use the enquiries e-mail address.

Year group	Class teacher	E-mail
Reception	Mrs Lyons	katrina.lyons@redwood.lincs.sch.uk
Reception	Miss Hall	laura.hall@redwood.lincs.sch.uk
Y1	Mrs Milling	sian.curtis@redwood.lincs.sch.uk
Y1/2	Miss Pavier	jessica.pavier@redwood.lincs.sch.uk
Y2	Miss Daubney	anna.daubney@redwood.lincs.sch.uk
Y3	Mrs Blockley	sharron.blockley@redwood.lincs.sch.uk
Y3/4	Mr Tierney	david.tierney@redwood.lincs.sch.uk
Y4	Mr Brown	daniel.brown@redwood.lincs.sch.uk
Y5	Miss Blinko	laura.blinko@redwood.lincs.sch.uk
Y5/6	Miss Kilby	lucy.kilby@redwood.lincs.sch.uk
Y6	Mr Silk	stuart.silk@redwood.lincs.sch.uk

Message from PHE and NHS Test and Trace

I have been asked to convey the following details to you from PHE and NHS Test and Trace.

'To ensure we identify those with coronavirus while avoiding a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms, we ask that you recommend to your pupils, students and staff who feel unwell, that they get tested if:

- they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:
 - a high temperature
 - a new, continuous cough
 - the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell, or
- they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse)

If a pupil, student or staff member develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. Unless a pupil, student or staff member has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms, they should only be tested if instructed otherwise by the local authority, health protection team or their GP. As schools and colleges across England return, pupils and students may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils and students don't need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.' <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-from-phe-and-nhs-test-and-trace-to-school-and-college-leaders/letter-from-phe-and-nhs-test-and-trace-to-school-and-college-leaders>.

Just a reminder that if your child has a test for Covid-19, please inform the academy as soon as possible with the outcomes of the test. I also respectfully request that you inform the academy before sharing your results on social media. This will allow us time to contact the DFE and PHE to get the latest advice on our next steps in the case of a positive test.

School Admissions 2021 – Waddington Redwood Primary Academy

If you have a child whose date of birth is between **1st September 2016** and **31st August 2017**, you will need to register your child for school for **September 2021**. Normally, we would invite prospective parents/carers into the academy premises to view our superb facilities. However due to current restrictions, this is not possible at the present time. We are currently working on a project that will bring the magic of our academy into your home. In the meantime, we are finalising this year's prospectus so please give us call on 01522 721156 so that we can introduce ourselves and you can find out more about us.

Please remember that all applications for school places are made online and open on **16th November 2020**. See <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/2597/going-to-primary-school-in-lincolnshire> for further information, or contact the admission team at schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

School Admissions 2021 – Secondary Schools

If your child is in Year 6 and due to go to secondary school in **September 2021**, please apply online; further information is available at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/2596/going-to-secondary-school-in-lincolnshire>. Secondary school applications open on **9th September 2020** and close on **31st October 2020**. If you need any support with your application please contact the academy office, alternatively you can contact school admissions via e-mail at schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk or call 01522 782030.

Standard Assessment Tests

It is recognised that children will have missed a critical period of their education due to lockdown in the 2019 to 2020 academic year. Rest assured that we are working with your children to ensure that we get them back on track but this will be at different rates for different children. Assessment is the key to understanding what children already know and what they need next. This takes place in many different forms in the classroom on a daily basis and is commonly known in education as formative assessment.

Cancellation of the phonics screening check in June 2020 means incoming year 2 pupils did not take the check in year 1. In the 2020/21 academic year only, it is statutory for schools to administer a past version of the phonics screening check to year 2 pupils during the second half of the 2020 autumn term. Year 2 pupils who meet the expected standard in phonics in the autumn check will not be required to complete any further statutory assessments in phonics. Year 2 pupils who do not meet the expected standard in the autumn check will be expected to take the statutory check in June 2021, alongside year 1 pupils.

However, each year children are required to participate in more formal screening and testing so that results can be compared against national standards. The dates for 2021 are set out below:

<u>Test Period</u>	<u>Date</u>
Autumn 2020	Y2 phonics screening check
3rd May to 28th May 2021	Y2 SATS testing period
10th May to 13th May 2021	Y6 SATS
Week beginning Monday 7th June 2021	Y1/Y2 phonics screening check
Week beginning Monday 7th June 2021 for a period of 3 weeks	Y4 Multiplication check

Please note that all children are expected to be in school during these dates. The academy will not authorise term time leave of absence during these dates.

Harvest and The Trussell Trust

This time of year is when we would usually be planning our Harvest celebrations and organising our donation for the local foodbank. This year circumstances are different; however, we know that the foodbanks are more in need of our help than ever.

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in **The Trussell Trust** network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to their ability to give everyone referred to them a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food. Please see below a list of places where you can support by dropping off food donations locally. At present the following are needed: tinned veg, meals, juice and squash. If you have any questions, please e-mail the food bank at amy@lincolnfoodbank.org.uk

Drop off points

Tesco: Wragby Road and Canwick Road	24 hours Monday- Saturday	Front of store near exit
Alive Church, Newland street	0900 – 1600	At Reception
Morrisons, Tritton Rd	0600 – 2300	Near checkouts

Playground Improvements

I am absolutely delighted to share our good news about the new playground improvements that have happened over the past few weeks. Phase one and two have been completed. We now have a new timber-fenced MUGA (Multi-Use-Games-Area), which has been constructed by Newby Leisure. It has two goal recesses, basketball hoops and markings, and is enclosed on all sides to allow for different ball games to take place at break and lunchtimes. In addition to this, the old decking area has been removed and has been seeded to become part of the field, and the old KS2 trim trail has also been removed.

Something that we all feel will have a huge impact on our ability as an academy to build more daily exercise into our days is the new running track. It feeds off the back right-hand corner of the playground, goes over a small hill, past the tyres (a nice little detour for those who want to turn it into an assault course!) through the timber poles, follows the perimeter of the field to go around the 'dream tree', and then finally finishes with a good 65m sprint finish to meet the playground near to where the decking used to be! Connecting the two sides of the track is also a newly-installed trim-trail for KS2. Between that and the MUGA is a huge bank (the excavated soil) which could be used for all sorts of things like outdoor storytelling with a class or games at playtime.

The entire academy is now using these all-weather spaces on a daily basis and the children report that they are thoroughly enjoying it! We would also like to build on this by continuing to improve our outdoor facilities with new playground markings. A huge thank you to our Friends' Association for their kind donation, Newby Leisure for all their hard work and a particular special mention to Mr Silk whose vision, drive and dedication enabled our dream to become a reality.

Friends' Association

Waddington Redwood Friends' Association had a successful year in 2019-20, despite it being curtailed. Fundraising in the last two years has contributed to developments in the outdoor facilities, both in key stage one and two. This academic year, they welcome a new chairperson, Rebecca Butler, a new treasurer, Donna Stenton, and a new secretary, Claudia Von De Heide. Toni Gamwell, the previous chairperson, will take up the position of vice chairperson.

They have already launched a school lottery and you will receive some information on this shortly. They will also be running a Christmas card project again this year. In the next week, you will receive a template to create a picture with your child at home. Please return the template to the academy by **12th October 2020** with your order form for processing. Finished cards and souvenirs will be sent home later in the year with your child. These cards do look amazing and are beautiful seasonal gifts for your family and friends.

This year the Friends' Association have an important yet challenging role. If you feel you would be able to support the association by volunteering to help with fundraising, securing grants and matched funding, or if your employer is part of a match funding scheme and you think you can help, please get in touch with Rebecca Butler by emailing waddingtonredwoodfriends@gmail.com.

Meetings will be held online, via zoom. Friends would love as many parents/carers as possible to be involved in this so if you would like to meet new friends and help to make a difference to our academy, please email waddingtonredwoodfriends@gmail.com and you will be sent an invitation. The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Wednesday October 7th**.

Safety in and around the academy

May I remind everyone that bikes and scooters are **not** to be ridden in the school grounds at any time. Children and toddlers are expected to alight at the gate and walk their bike or scooter into the academy. At the end of the day, they should walk their bike or scooter to the front gate before riding.

In addition, it has been brought to my attention that groups of children are playing in the area behind the shops to the right of the academy entrance. There are many hazards and dangerous materials around this area. Please ensure that your child is under your supervision at all times to avoid accidents.

A polite request to be considerate to local residents when parking your car. Please avoid parking across driveways and blocking access to homes at the beginning and end of the day. I do understand the difficulties with parking but I do ask that if you arrive by car, then please be mindful of local residents and park your car in a safe place, ideally away from the local shops and the front entrance of the academy.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs F Kent
Headteacher

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Daily Timetable

Group	Accompanied by a parent/carer onto academy premises	Arrive Slot	Pick up Slot
Reception	Yes	0900-0910 red gate entrance	3.20pm red gate area and white door
Y1/2	Yes	0850-0900 small hall and white double doors	3.10pm small hall entrances and white doors
Y3/4	No – children collected/dropped off at the main gate	0900-0910 class fire exits	3.30pm main gate
Y5/6	No – children collected/dropped off at the main gate	0850-0900hrs class fire exit/Y6 cloak room	3.20pm main gate

Term Dates 2020-2021

Term 1

Thursday 3rd September 2020 to Friday 23rd October 2020

Term 2

Monday 2nd November 2020 to Friday 18th December 2020

Term 3

Tuesday 5th January 2021 to Friday 12th February 2021

Term 4

Monday 22nd February 2021 to Wednesday 31st March 2021

Term 5

Monday 19th April 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021

Term 6

Monday 7th June 2021 to Tuesday 20th July 2021

May Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2021

Term Dates 2021-22

Term 1

Monday 6th September 2021 to Friday 22nd October 2021

Term 2

Monday 1st November 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021

Term 3

Wednesday 5th January 2022 to Friday 11th February 2022

Term 4

Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 1st April 2022

Term 5

Tuesday 19th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6

Monday 6th June 2022 to Thursday 21st July 2022

May Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022

INSET 2nd and 3rd September 2021, 4th January 2022, plus twilight sessions x 2 days





