



Message from Mrs Down

To Parents and
Carers,

I am just writing a
short note to
introduce myself
to you all.



My name is Maggie Down and I am
delighted to be the interim Headteacher at
this great school. I will be at Walsh
Memorial for 3 days each week so do
please come and say hello.

We are all looking forward to a really
exciting year ahead, hopefully it will be
much more 'normal' than the last 2. The
staff team have worked really hard to get
the school ready for the new term and we
were all excited to greet the children on
Thursday morning. The children came in
so brilliantly and were very pleased to see
each other and the teachers and staff they
will be working with too. I am sure your
children will be full of news about their
start to the new term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Down

Interim Headteacher

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Honey
and Mrs Fox to our school. Mrs Honey
will be teaching in Year 2 in Emerald
Class and Mrs Fox will be 1:1 Teaching
Assistant in Reception in Silver Class.

P.E. arrangements

Reception and Year 1 children will need to bring
their P.E. kits into school on the first day of each
half term. Kits will remain in school and will come
home for washing during the holidays. Having
younger children changing in school really helps
their independence and coordination.

Year 2 children will need to come into school ready
dressed in their P.E. kits on Thursdays and Fridays
every week. This allows more time for the P.E.
lessons.

INSET and Bank Holiday Dates

The INSET days for this term are:

Wednesday 1st September

Monday 27th September

both of these are the same as Walsh
Junior School.

Bank Holiday - in lieu of the Platinum
Jubilee Holiday:

22nd October 2021

Friday 24th September is a normal school
day at Walsh Infant School but we realise
that the Junior School also have an INSET
day on that day. We appreciate that for
some of our families this is inconvenient.
The schools are working together to
address this and hope that our INSET
days will be aligned thereafter.

School office hours 8.30am- 3.15pm

Our school office hours are 8.30am to
3.15pm, Please do not try to call the office
outside these times. If you cannot call
during the office hours then please email
us on info@walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk.

Thank you.

Holidays during term time

Just to remind parents/carers that if they
take their child out of school without
authorisation for 5 or more days, they will
be liable to receive penalty notices.

Currently, the amount payable under a
penalty notice is £60.00 and payable
within 21 days, rising to £120.00 if paid
within 21- 28 days. If the penalty notice is
not paid within 28 days, the Local
Authority will consider a prosecution in the
Magistrates Court.

Please note that Penalty Notices are
issued per parent/carer per child, so a
family with 2 parents/carers and 2 children
will receive 4 penalty notices.

Reminders

Drop off and Collection

Drop off:

The school gates will open at 8.45am - 9am.

Years 1 and 2 enter through the playground double gate.
Year 2 enter the school building through the end door and
Year 1 line up by their class posts.

Year R will enter through the single gate and follow the path to the reception classrooms.

Collection:

Year R - 3.00pm: parents to enter the playground via the single gate and line up on the path to the reception classrooms.

Year 1 - 3.00pm: parents to collect from the playground in a single line from class post.

Year 2 - 3.05pm: parents to collect from the playground in a single line from class post.

Please bear with us as we get to know new parents in each class, as collection may take a little longer for the first few days.

Walsh Care Club Users - Notification of COVID-19 PCR results

For users of Walsh Care Club. If your child is self-isolating whilst awaiting a COVID-19 PCR result, please ensure that you inform Walsh Care Club of the test result, in addition to our school office.

Breakfast Club takes children from 7.30am and as our school office is not open until 8.30am, we are unable to share results that may have been emailed to us before this time.



We are continuing to use Class dojo as a class message group. School will use this to send class reminders and will use the dojo rewards for your child. If you cannot speak to your teacher, you can still use this to send a message that we will respond as soon as possible.

Please speak to the Office if you have not yet signed up.

Early Years parents in Gold and Silver will be sent a link to join up.

School Lunches

Week commencing 6th September:

Monday and Tuesday we will be on [Week 2](#) of the dinner menu.

Wednesday to Friday we will be on [Week 3](#) of the dinner menu.

Please refer to updated menu below.

Week commencing 6th Sept

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Red BBQ Quorn sausage pasta bake & peas (v)		Red Mediterranean style pork meatballs with rice & sweetcorn		Red Pulled pork in a Yorkshire pudding with roast potatoes, carrots & gravy		Red Lincolnshire pork sausages with mini potato waffles & broccoli		Red Pollock or salmon fish fingers with chips & peas	
Green Spring vegetable pide (Turkish flat bread) with country style potatoes & carrots		Green Tagliatelle Neapolitan with homemade bread & peas		Green Yorkshire pudding filled with roasted vegetable with roast potatoes & spring greens		Green Glamorgan sausages with mini potato waffles & carrots		Green Veggie fingers with spicy wedges & baked beans	
Jacket & cheese		Jacket & cheese		Jacket & cheese		Jacket & cheese		Jacket & cheese	
Jacket & beans		Jacket & beans		Jacket & beans		Jacket & beans		Jacket & beans	
Jacket & tuna with mayo		Jacket & tuna with mayo		Jacket & tuna with mayo		Jacket & tuna with mayo		Jacket & tuna with mayo	
Pudding Summer fruit crumble with custard (v)		Pudding Mixed melon salad (v)		Pudding Jelly with melon slices (v)		Pudding Selection of fruit yoghurt (v)		Pudding Butterscotch cookie (v)	

COVID – Reminders

What to do if a member of your household is showing COVID symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal (Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.)

This is a reminder of guidelines sent out earlier in the autumn.

- The person showing symptoms should request a test and they must self-isolate at home pending the test result. Other members of the household who are fully vaccinated (14 days from final vaccination dose) or under 18, do not need to isolate unless they start to show symptoms. Please see the following link for further clarification <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>
- This means that the individual with symptoms should stay at home until the result is received. Please inform the school on the first day of absence.
- If the test result is positive your child must continue to self-isolate until the date advised by the NHS. Please advise us of this date.
- Please keep in communication with the school and inform us if any other member of your household develops symptoms and subsequently has a positive test result.
- If the result is negative we ask that you send your child back to school as soon as they are well enough. Please send them in on the day that the result is received if that is practical, or on the next day if that is not feasible. Please inform the school of the negative test result.

Please follow these guidelines very carefully to help us keep our community safe.

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing (laminar flow test).

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

Please share the information below with your parent networks to help answer any questions they may have:

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a households to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. Tests are **not available from schools or colleges**.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 2021	
Tuesday 7th September	EYFS (Year R) children start school—morning only	8.45am—12.00noon
Wednesday 8th September	EYFS (Year R) children in school full time	8.45am—3.00pm
Monday 27th September	INSET Day—school closed to children	All Day
Friday 22nd October	Bank Holiday in lieu of Platinum Jubilee Holiday—school closed	All Day
25th—29th October	Half Term Holiday	
Monday 8th November	Individual School Photo taken by School Photographer	
Thursday 18th November	Nasal Flu Immunisation (for those with parental consent). More information to follow	
Friday 17th December	End of Autumn Term—early finish	approximate finish 1.10pm (to be confirmed)

Inset Days 2021/22:

1st September 2021

27th September 2021

6th June 2022

(two further Inset Days to be confirmed)

Bank Holiday in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee Holiday (school closed)

22nd October 2021

Dates for your Diary