



# Windsor Park CE Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful start to the new academic year with the children really enjoying meeting their teachers and returning to school. They have all begun their learning and are taking part in some exciting activities and topics. It was lovely to meet so many of you on the first day and I thank you for your continued support.

## SWAY

You will be able to find updates about what is happening in school and what is upcoming in our regular newsletter via sway, which is sent out via email. We do hope that you enjoy looking through this and that it provides you all with valuable information.

## Safeguarding

There is a wealth of information available on our school website and several school and MAT policies which you may be interested in, including our Safeguarding policy – a copy of which is available on request from the school office.

Please can we ask that for every child we are provided with the following:

- Full names and contact details of all adults with whom the child normally lives.
- Full names and contact details of all persons with parental responsibility (if different from above).
- Emergency contact details (if different from above) and **at least 2 contacts**.
- Any legal or criminal changes which affects parental responsibility e.g. bail conditions, court orders, Special Guardianship orders, Child Arrangement Orders.

If we do not already hold this information for you, please email the relevant updates to [office@windsorpark.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@windsorpark.staffs.sch.uk)

## Medical

Please make sure we have up-to-date medical information for your child. As a reminder, if they need an inhaler then one should be kept at the school office. If your child has been issued with an EpiPen then please ensure that they have this with them at all times and that they office have a second one. Students who have been issued with inhalers and EpiPens will need these for any school trips, including walking to church each term. This will be reiterated in any letters home about trips.



## Arbor and homework

We have made a few exciting changes to the information systems that we use in school. You will be aware that we now use Arbor to hold all student information, and this also has some exciting features within school. One of the features concerns homework. We are now able to set all homework via Arbor, meaning that we no longer need to issue student planners. This is excellent news for the environment and means students and parents will have access to homework set by each teacher. All teachers will set all homework through Arbor, where instructions and/or resources will also be available. Should your child require the use of a computer, please remember that we do have Homework Club open each lunchtime as well as after school until 4:05pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

Students in KS2 will be given maths and English homework every week, with the occasional science homework. They may also be asked to bring things in for other lessons such as food ingredients.

Students in KS3 will be given homework from each subject every week. This will normally be in the form of a reading text and an activity that is suitable for each subject area.

We appreciate your support with homework.

## Freckle

We would like to remind our current students and parents/carers about Freckle, our Maths Online Learning Platform. To our new students and families – welcome to Freckle!

Freckle is an engaging and effective tool which provides differentiated practice in maths that balances fun with learning. Students complete an initial assessment online, taking around 25 minutes. The information is then used on the Freckle platform to ensure that every child is practicing the topics they need to.

Freckle uses attractive graphics, and rewards students with points to spend in their online shop, making it fun for learners. It can be used both in school and at home. Students will be provided with login details and trained by school staff in how to use the platform. We intend to use Freckle for home learning as well as in school and students are also free to do as much individual practice as they wish. Freckle uses automated decision making to plan for students learning and provide adaptive practice, as such we have updated our privacy policy. All students will have this explained to them in class too.

We hope that your child enjoys this resource. Please contact your child's Maths teacher, or Mrs. Bailey if you have any further questions.

## Uniform

I would also like to thank you all for your continued support regarding uniform. If you have questions about this, please see the letter sent out on 5th July 2024, the email sent out on 4th September or your child's form tutor directly.

## Trips, visits and enrichment

In addition to the wonderful learning that takes place within school, we already have several exciting trips planned for this academic year. Please see below a list of trips that are proposed so that you are able to plan accordingly. As ever, we continue to explore further enrichment opportunities for your child and there may be others which occur as the year progresses.



## Autumn

Name	Year group	Led by	Approximate cost
Ingestre	6 (November)	GN	£180
Standon Bowers	8 (November)	AH/LW	£210
Arboretum	5 (December)	MJ	£25
Christmas Market	7 (December)	KB	£20

## Spring

Name	Year group	Led by	Approximate cost
Diversity Day	8	HC	TBC
French trip	7 (March) 40 students	KB	As per confirmation of place letter already received

## Summer

Name	Year group	Led by	Approximate cost
Maths – London (Bank of England)	KS2	AJH/RT	£70
SATs celebration event	6	AH/LW	£15
End of term trip	All years	AH/TP	£25
Leaver's events	8 (July)	TP	£20
Tudor Storyteller (in school)	6	LY	£6ish
Big Bang	8	GJ	£15
Tamworth Castle	7	LY	TBC

We are very much looking forward to a fun and rewarding academic year ahead of us and can't wait to see the wonderful achievements that the children complete.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Wilbraham-Jones  
Headteacher

