



Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family at this time sad time of National Mourning.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We have had a very positive start to the school term and it is good to welcome back all our children across school and particularly our new starters in Upper Foundation Stage.

It has been a busy week with a new Start to the School Day

Many parents have commented that it feels good to be getting 'back to normal' with a calmer start to the school day.

We have had many positive comments regarding the opportunity to settle children into school and join in some classroom activities.

We continue to establish the system and review how it is working for all classes. Thank you to parents who have been in touch with their comments.

Communication

This is always a challenge and we apologise for a lack of warning regarding the new electronic gates which have changed some points of access. Again, we thank you for thoughtful and constructive feedback received and we will continue to monitor the changes.

Later in the Autumn Term the school communication system will be changing and we will then be able to contact all parents and carers by text and email.

If you need to contact the school please use the email address below for a quicker response.
office@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk

Rationale for Change

The installation of the electronic gates with controlled entry to the school site has been planned for some time. It reflects concerns regarding site security which is now much improved.

Attendance Information

Beginning next week we will post the attendance totals for classes in school. Attendance needs to improve in all year groups and we hope that the start to a more settled and hopefully a more 'normal' school year will result in improved attendance overall. We will be watching closely and celebrating achievements.

Curriculum Development

We are working very hard in school to ensure our curriculum is up to date and keeps children engaged in their learning. We will be planning educational visits during the year and also a residential visit for Year 6.

Parking

Back to school, back to parking issues!

We acknowledge all the difficulties of the school site with regard to parking. However, we need to ask again that parents will park with consideration for local residents, other road users and pedestrians. Particularly, we have been approached by residents of Beechfield asking that vehicles do not park at the end of the street and block other road users.

Please consider if you can 'Park and Stride', cycle, walk etc to reduce traffic congestion.

Thank you

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