



The Foundation Stage



Welcome to Waycroft!

- Welcome to our school! We are really pleased that your child will be joining our school in September.
- Waycroft is a warm and friendly school where we believe in working in partnership with you to help your child grow and learn.
- We are committed to ensuring that every child has the very best, happiest and smoothest start to their school life and that parents and carers find it as painless as possible too!
- So, if you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to pop in, or pick up the phone.



Universal Free School Meals

- **GOOD NEWS!** - From September 2014 all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 became entitled to free school meals.
- We also provide a free school meal to the nursery children who are attending in the morning AND afternoon on any given day to aid their transition into Reception when the time comes.



Pupil Premium Money

- **IMPORTANT INFORMATION** – Waycroft Academy and Waycroft pupils will miss out on funding if parents/carers do not make a claim!
- All of you have received a form to complete which allows school to check whether families qualify for Early Years Pupil Premium Funding. This form also allows school to continue checking this entitlement during your child's time in EYFS and KS1. (The next slide explains eligibility)
- Every child who is entitled adds another £1000+ to the school budget to improve provision for your children.
- Please contact the school if the following apply to you:
 - If either parent is a member of the Armed Forces (must be active service)
 - If the child is in care or has been adopted from care



Pupil Premium Money

You are eligible if you receive:

- Income support
- Job seekers allowance
- Child tax credit, but are not entitled to Working tax credit and your annual income(as assessed by the Inland Revenue) does not exceed £16,190
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The 'Guaranteed Element' of Pension credit
- Income-related Employment and Support (if any element of contribution-based paid meals cannot be provided)



Attendance

- It is vital that children attend school regularly.
- There is a clear link between academic achievement and attendance - Pupils who miss more than 50 per cent of school only three per cent manage to achieve five or more GCSEs at grades A* to C. 73 per cent of pupils who have over 95 per cent attendance achieve five or more GCSEs at grades A* to C.
- If your child is absent due to illness parents need to phone school before 9am on the first and every subsequent day of absence and a letter must be sent explaining the absence on their first day back at school.
- Leave of Absence – From the 1st September 2013, the new law gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must only be in 'exceptional circumstances' and the Head of School must be satisfied that the circumstances are 'exceptional'.



Making a Smooth Start

- Meet the Teacher/Stay and Play sessions – 03/09/2020 and 04/09/2020. You will be allocated a session to attend with your child each day – we may not be able to scoop your child onto our knee to look after them at this time so having a positive, fun session with you will be vitally important to their transition.
- School starts for Reception on Monday 7th September 2020 and the children will attend for the morning and lunchtime for this week only. Children are to arrive at their classroom external door between 8:45am and 8:55 am. Please pick up your child at 1:30pm.
- From Monday 14th September, all Reception children will be attending full time (8.55am – 3.15pm). You can drop off from 8:45am to the classroom door.



ILD (Interactive Learning Diary)

- At Waycroft Academy, we use ILD to track your child's learning and progress. When this is set up, you will receive information about how to log in, so you can see what your child is doing in school and you can also add some of your own observations.



INTERACTIVE

LEARNING DIARY



A Typical Day in Reception

Each week activities are linked to a theme e.g. Toys, animals etc. During the week children will have a mixture of adult lead, adult framed and child initiated sessions.

- Morning activities and registration – to include handwriting, number formation and name tracing.
- Literacy focused session – to include the teaching of reading, writing and phonics.
- Phonics session – Children are taught letter sounds to help them read and write
- Playtime
- Maths focused session
- Lunchtime
- Afternoon session – Children are free to explore their own learning . Adults work alongside the children and support them with their learning.



PE Kit

- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times (it doesn't need washing mid-term).
- PE kit - White T shirt/blue or black shorts
- Hair must be tied up.
- Children should not wear jewellery to school.
- Please do not buy your child daps – they will not need them until the Summer term.



Further Information

- Please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled.
- Please encourage independence in dressing, undressing and toileting.
- If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea they must not return to school for at least 48 hours if they have had a stomach bug. However, if you feel your child has been sick for another reason (e.g. a bad cough, party food!) they may return to school the next day.
- Milk is provided free of charge up to their 5th birthday. Fruit is also provided each day for break time.
- Please provide a named water bottle each day (NO SQUASH PLEASE!).
- Please do not allow your children to use any outdoor play equipment before or after school as these will have been set up for learning or tidied away ready for the next day, thank you.



Our Website

Remember to look at the website for all the latest information, newsletters and term dates: -
<http://www.waycroftacademy.com/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Waycroft Academy website. At the top right, there is a search bar with the text "Search..." and a magnifying glass icon, and a "Login" button with a user icon. The main header area is dark blue and contains the Waycroft Academy logo on the left, the text "WAYCROFT ACADEMY" in large yellow letters, and the tagline "LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER" in smaller yellow letters. To the right of the text is a shield-shaped logo composed of four colored puzzle pieces (blue, yellow, green, red). Below the header is a navigation menu with the following items: HOME | COVID-19 | NEWS | OUR SCHOOL | PARENTS | CURRICULUM | WELLBEING | PUPILS | POLICIES |. The main content area features a large photograph of a group of children in blue school uniforms running across a grassy field. In the background, there are blue benches and colorful play equipment.



ParentMail

If you already have a child that attends Waycroft, you will be familiar with ParentMail, our communications system. This is now being used for making payments too. Once your child has started in September you will receive further details of your login.

The screenshot shows the ParentMail interface. On the left is a sidebar menu with the following items: ParentMail (with a plus icon), Emails (with a red badge showing 51), SMS, Forms, Events, Parents' Evenings, Accounts, Payments, Notify Absence, Starred, Unread, Archive, Announcements, and Manage Organisation. The main area is titled 'Emails' and has an 'EDIT' button in the top right corner. It displays a list of eight emails from Waycroft Academy, each with a star icon, a checkmark, and a paperclip icon. The emails are:

Subject	Sender	Date and Time
Latest newsletter	Waycroft Academy	Jun 12 2020, 12:39
Parent/Carer letter from Miss Craig - 3rd June 2020	Waycroft Academy	Jun 03 2020, 14:37
Vacancy - Cleaner - Woodlands Academy	Waycroft Academy	Jun 01 2020, 16:32
Letter regarding the reopening of Waycroft from 1st June	Waycroft Academy	May 29 2020, 14:33
Bank Holiday - School closure	Waycroft Academy	May 21 2020, 10:58
Trust letter regarding plans for the 1st June	Waycroft Academy	May 20 2020, 16:31
Vacancy - Cleaner - Waycroft Academy	Waycroft Academy	May 19 2020, 10:43



What Happens Next?

- Complete the forms in this pack and return them before the end of June
- Talk to your children about coming to school so it isn't daunting when the time comes
- Share the pictures of the staff and classroom with your children – put them on the fridge or up on the wall in their rooms
- Be ready to speak to the teacher on the phone to make sure we have all of the information we need to look after your child
- We look forward to meeting you all properly in September, as long as it is safe to do so.

The Reception Class Teachers

Santa Maria



Mr Jenkins

Golden Hind



Mrs May



Mrs Maxwell