

20th July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of our second year of operation at Wootton Park School, I write to thank you for your continued support and words of encouragement over the past academic year. I am delighted to share that work has now started on our new build and refurbishment of the Pavilion.

The children at Wootton Park School continue to be a real credit to us all and we are very proud of their achievements and progress this academic year. However, this would not be possible without the tireless efforts and commitment from our staff. Over the past academic year we have hosted visits from Andrea Leadsom MP, Martin Post (Regional schools Commissioner) and our DfE Advisor, Jeff Hart. Feedback has been excellent and we look forward to welcoming Ofsted next academic year.

Site Update

Thank you for your patience over recent months whilst plans for our new school buildings have been negotiated and agreed. On 3rd July full planning permission was granted for our new building and work has already started. I look forward to updating you with more detailed plans as the new academic year progresses.

Staffing Update

When I wrote to you in May, I was able to tell you about the innovative and exemplary staff joining us in September. I can now confirm that we have a full complement of staff ready for the new academic year. We will share biographies of our new staff over the summer break.

Position	Staff	Position	Staff
Teacher of Primary	Ms Butler	Vice Principal	Mrs Steere
Teacher of Primary	Ms Rawden	Teacher of English	Mrs Wade
Teacher of Primary	Ms Smith	Teaching Assistant	Mrs Pemberton
Assistant Principal	Mrs McDonnell	Teaching Assistant	Mrs Spencer
Teacher of Maths	Ms Percival	Teaching Assistant	Ms Hughes
Teacher of Computing	Mr Robinson	Acorns Assistant	Ms Donlevy
Teacher of MFL	Mrs Saundery	Acorns Assistant	Ms Edge
Office Assistant	Ms Danes	Teaching Assistant	Ms Clarke

In addition, congratulations to the following staff who will take on a new role at WPS in September:

Position	Staff
Teacher of Expressive Arts	Ms Garratt
Deputy SENCo	Mrs Kerrou
Deputy SENCo	Mrs Slater

Goodbyes

We are sad to say goodbye to **Mrs Armstrong** who leaves us today. Mrs Armstrong has been an amazing member of the primary team; she will be hugely missed by learners and staff.

Mrs Yates, our music teacher, sadly leaves us this year. Mrs Yates did a fantastic job creating a music provision from scratch in our temporary building. We wish Mrs Yates all the very best in a new role.

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'Ipsum quod faciendum est diutius'

We also say goodbye to **Mr Connor** who had a short term contract in Acorns, our Wrap Around Care Provision. Mr Connor has been a great asset to the after school club team and we wish him all the best back at University.

PTA

A special thank you to the Friends of Wootton Park School. The support of our PTA has been exceptional. Their tireless work and dedication have ensured that our learners have enjoyed many amazing events and experiences this year. Thank you!

Catering

We operate a cashless system for payments, which is available for years 7 and upwards. Please make sure that your child realises that they may not pay for their food at the till point with cash. Your child's account may be credited by your parent pay account from home or sending cash with your child to load onto the cash validator. This machine is located in the hall.

A daily limit may be set should a parent wish to limit the amount of money their child spends each day. You can view what your child has purchased each day from your parentpay account and check their balance.

Learners' accounts need to be in credit; please note that learners with an overdrawn account may be refused sale. Although we encourage our secondary phase learners to make good choices in terms of spending, we are unable to closely monitor the purchases of individual learners at each break and lunch time. Please discuss your purchasing expectations with your children. Thank you for your support.

Menu choices

Parents of primary learners will soon be able to select their child's lunch choice via parent pay. We will advise as soon as this is live to book.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child may be eligible for free school meals.

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, with no element of Working Tax Credit, and a household income below £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit - income dependant

For more information, please visit: <http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

Road Safety

As our numbers grow in September, we must all be considerate about the safety of learners at the start and end of the school day when a lot of learners are trying to leave the site at the same time. We would ask all members of the school community who drive to show respect and consideration for other road users and for local residents. Please do not park on private roads or in police parking areas. The area around the school can become congested so please be prepared to be patient, be careful if overtaking and slow down outside the school itself.

If you are a parent collecting a child from school, unless they are on crutches, please do not use the entrance to the visitors' car park as a pick up and drop off point as this makes it difficult for learners and staff who may need to leave promptly to do so. Please use the designated drop off zone outside the Sports Pavilion. Your co-operation and support is much appreciated.

As ever, thank you for your continued support and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very relaxing summer break and I look forward to working with you in the new academic year.

Yours sincerely



Dan Rosser
Principal