



## Waddington and West Bradford Primary School

*"In our Christian family, we Encourage, Serve and Respect everyone and Shine in the light of Jesus."*



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### PRE-SCHOOL Starter Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are nearing the start of the new year, and welcoming your child into our Pre-School. This letter contains some important information for September 2026.

#### UNIFORM

Your child will wear the Waddington and West Bradford uniform while they are at pre-school.

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan with or without the school logo
- White or navy blue polo shirt
- Navy skirt, pinafore, shorts or trousers
- Navy tights in winter
- White socks with summer dresses
- Plain, white, black or navy socks
- Black school shoes with Velcro (not laces please)

Pre-School have PE on a Wednesday and join in with Forest School sessions or Walk and Talk on a Thursday - If your child will be attending Pre-School on a Wednesday or Thursday, please dress them in:

- PE Kit - navy jogging bottoms or black shorts
- PE Kit - short sleeved t-shirt (Rainbow Teams colour)
- PE Kit - trainers (Velcro please, no football boots)
- PE Kit - navy blue zipped jacket or hoody

Please put your child's name in all of their school clothes and PE kit and footwear.

#### SPARE CLOTHES

When your child starts Pre-School we ask that you send a 'spare clothes' bag with them. We will keep this spare clothes bag in school in case your child has an accident and needs to be changed.

## RED BOOK BAGS

We are very fortunate that our school Parent-Teacher Association 'Friends of Waddington and West Bradford' kindly donate red book bags to all of the children in school each year. Your child will receive this when they start in Pre-School and this will be used for your child's library books, correspondence letters and activities completed in school. Please check your child's bag regularly, emptying it as required.

## LUNCH TIME

Your child can:

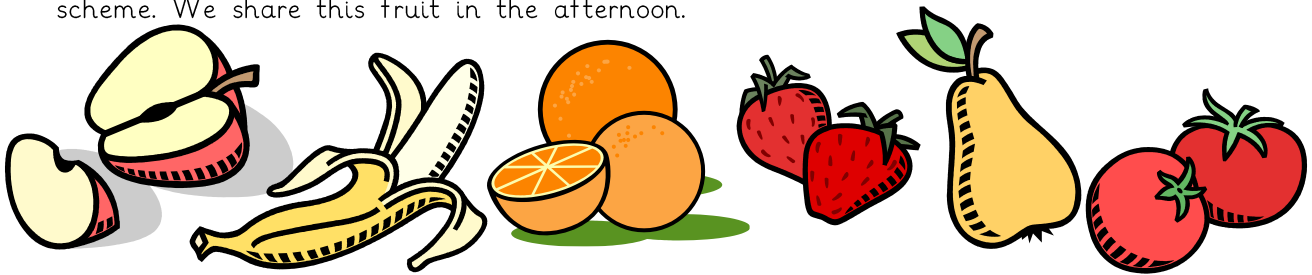
- ☺ have a school dinner
- ☺ bring a packed lunch



There is food on the school dinner menu suitable for all children. Children will select their lunch each day in school. Please note that there is a charge for school lunches for Pre-School children. Currently lunches are £3 per day.

## SNACKS

Every day all infant children receive a piece of fruit under the Governments free fruit scheme. We share this fruit in the afternoon.



We encourage children to bring in their own healthy morning snack each day. This should consist of fruit or vegetables only.

Please note: Some fruits and vegetables can be a choking hazard for example grapes, cherry tomatoes and others. Please ensure that all grapes and similar sized fruits or vegetables are sliced lengthwise for safety.

We are strictly a NUT-FREE school. This means no nuts of any kind are allowed in lunch boxes or to be brought into school.

Thank you for supporting us in promoting healthy eating habits.

## WATER

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle each day, filled with water. Please do not send juice to school - we are a healthy school.

Fresh, cooled water is available to the children at all times.

## SCHOOL MILK

During snack time your child can have a small carton of milk.

## OUTDOOR PLAY

The children play outside in all types of weather. They are supervised by a member of staff at all times. Please ensure that your child's outdoor clothing reflects the type of weather each day.

Your child will need a warm coat, pair of wellies, gloves and a hat to play outside when the weather is cold.



Although this is not a requirement, it might be useful for your child to have a puddle suit which is large enough to be worn over their uniform. This should be made from a thin showerproof material.

In order to dig in our 'digging pit' your child will need a puddle suit which will live in school for them to access any time.

All of these items **must be named** please. We encourage independence and for your child to be able to put on and fasten (with help if needed) their own coat.

*Please note their wellies will remain in school.*

On hot and sunny days, we ask that children are sent to school with a sun hat and wearing sun cream. Please apply a 'once a day' sun cream before school. This does not need to be brought to school to be reapplied.

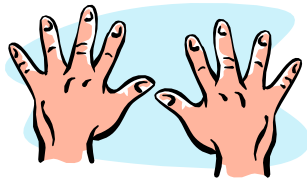
## WALK AND TALK

Fortnightly, we go for a local walk called Walk and Talk. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to get to know our local area, connect with the world around us, experience first-hand the way the changing seasons alter our world, talk about the things they can see and of course the long walk is a wonderful form of exercise.

In order to provide this wonderful experience for our children we ask for parent volunteers to come along with us each week. Volunteers will be requested via email. If you think you would be available sometimes on Thursday afternoons for around 1 hour from around 1.10pm, please let a staff member know! A Walk and Talk post on Dojo also confirms the walk, reminding parents about suitable clothing and footwear for Thursdays.

## TOILET

We encourage all children to be toilet trained before starting preschool and to begin developing independence in their toileting routine.



Your child should be able to:

- Tell an adult when they need the toilet
- Manage going to the toilet with minimal help
- Wash and dry their hands afterwards

We understand that children develop at different rates, and staff will support your child in becoming more confident and independent. If your child is not yet toilet trained or is finding this difficult, we recommend seeking support from your health visitor before they start Pre-School so we can work together to support them.

Please practise at home:

- Pulling clothes up and down
- Wiping themselves (with some support if needed)
- Washing hands with soap

## DUMMIES

We strongly encourage children not to use dummies at preschool.

At this age, reducing and stopping dummy use is important for:

- Supporting speech and language development
- Encouraging confidence and communication
- Promoting healthy teeth and mouth development



Health guidance (including NHS advice) recommends that dummies are stopped by around 2-3 years of age. If your child is still using a dummy, we ask that you begin to phase it out before they start preschool.

Some helpful approaches include:

- Limiting use to bedtime only before stopping completely
- Introducing a comfort toy instead
- Praising your child as they manage without it

## DRESSING

At preschool, we encourage children to begin dressing and undressing independently, with support where needed.

Your child should be starting to:

- Put on and take off their coat
- Pull trousers or skirts up and down (especially )
- Attempt to put on shoes and socks
- Manage simple fastenings such as zips (with help)



You can support your child at home by:

- Allowing extra time for them to practise dressing themselves
- Choosing clothes and shoes that are easy to manage (e.g. Velcro shoes, elastic waistbands)
- Encouraging them to "have a go" even if they need help finishing

We understand that children develop these skills at different rates, and we will support them as they learn.

## START OF THE DAY AND HOME TIME

The journey to and from school is a good opportunity to talk about road safety. Show your child safe place to cross the road. Please try to walk to school to ease congestion on the narrow road. We have a gradual start to the day and staggered finish times to try to assist with the traffic outside school.

Each morning you will drop off your child at the Pre-School classroom door. This is opened at 8.40 each day and closed at 8.55. If you are late arriving at school, you will need to take your child to the front office where you will say goodbye to your child and an adult will then walk your child to the classroom.

The classroom door opens at:

8:40 every day

The front door closes at:

8:55 every day

School finishes at: 3:10 every day



It is important for your child and the teacher to know who is collecting them from school. Please make sure that you come for your child on time as they can become very upset when they have to wait for you.

If you know you are going to be late collecting your child from school, please contact school immediately. Failure to do so will result in school having to make alternative childcare arrangements which could incur a charge.

## WASP CLUB

Waddington After School Provision (WASP Club) is a well-managed, happy and welcoming club providing after school care for children aged from 3 to 11 attending Waddington and West Bradford Primary School. Operating both before, and after, school provision, our priority is to ensure your child feels happy in a safe and comfortable environment. We pride ourselves on the informal atmosphere created at WASPS, working in partnership with parents/carers to provide high quality, safe and stimulating care, learning and play opportunities for children.

Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am every day and costs £4.50 per day. After School WASP Club opens as soon as school finishes at 3.15pm, however we realise some children only require us for a shorter length of time, therefore, we have created 2 sessions.

**On a Friday, After School Club closes at 4.20pm.**

Session 1 - without a snack	3.20pm - 4.20pm	£5
Session 2 - with a snack	3.20pm - 5.45pm	£10

All sessions must be booked online using Parent Pay with as much advance notice as possible. There is now a charge for 'late collections'.