



Widmer End Community Combined School and Pre-School

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are really looking forward to starting the new year and hope you had a lovely, restful break over Christmas!

Here are some reminders and key information at the start of a new term. Please read these notices carefully and let us know if you have any questions!

Clothing

Please make sure that your child has a change of clothes in their bag that they bring to school every day in case of accidents. They will need a coat that is appropriate for the weather as we will be going outside, whatever the weather! Please ensure all items of clothing (including clothing inside PE kits) and water bottles are **named** very clearly!

PE

Reception PE days will now be on **Monday** and **Thursday** this term. The children will need to come to school in school uniform and still **bring their PE kit in a bag**. We have seen a huge improvement in the children's skills when dressing themselves, so it really has been worth it so far!

Water bottles

Please ensure children are bringing a water bottle to school every day. Please ensure they are filled with water and not juice.

Lunches

A reminder that we have a healthy lunchbox and no nuts policy at school. If your child is having a hot school lunch, please ensure you have spoken to your child about which lunch they are having and the days they are having hot lunch.

Pick up/drop off

The drop off and collection point for Pre School will continue to be the outdoor garden gate on the left hand side of the main entrance to the school. For Reception, children will need to be dropped off and picked up by the green gate around the left hand side of the school. If you have siblings or other children to collect, please come to collect your younger Pre School or Reception children first. A reminder that Reception children will now join the rest of the school on the playground at drop off in the mornings.

Pre School drop off - 8:45am

Reception drop off - 8:30am - 8:43am

Collection time for both - 3:15pm (or 11:45am/12:15pm for morning/lunchtime collection in Pre School)

Class Dojo

Please let us know if you are not able to access Class Dojo for any reason. It has been a brilliant form of communication this year, but we don't want you to miss any messages!

General reminders

Long hair needs to be tied up and jewellery must not be worn to school. Children must wear closed toe shoes, not sandals or anything similar to school. For more information, please look at our uniform policy on the school website. Please ensure children do not bring personal possessions into school, other than for show and tell purposes, when you are notified that it is your child's turn.

Reading books

In Reception, children will be coming home with three reading books. One library book chosen by them, one sharing book that is slightly above their reading level to challenge them, and one phonics book that is in line with their phonics knowledge. Please ensure when reading at home (ideally at least three times a week), you are recording in your child's reading journal! Thank you.

Book change days

For the new term in Reception, we are going to be collecting **ALL** reading books including library books, in on a Monday. We will then be changing them and aiming to get them all back to you on either a Monday or a Tuesday.

Please ensure your child's reading books are in their bookbags on these days in particular. We also ask that, if possible, children's reading books are in their bookbags each day, in case they read with an adult or volunteer at school.

Thank you very much for your continued support. We look forward to a fantastic term ahead! We are always here to help, so please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Mrs Watson and the EYFS team