



North Wheatley C of E Primary School

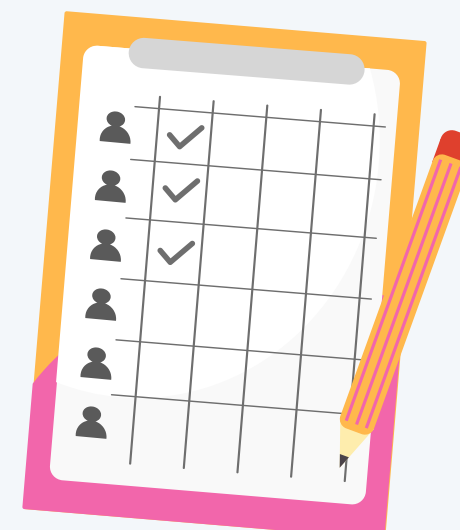


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Parent ABC guide

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

- Gates open at 8:20 and close at 8:30 for morning register, allowing a 10-minute window for arrival.
- Late arrivals must enter through the main entrance and will be marked as late.
- Notify the School Office if your child will be absent; messages should be left by 9:30 AM, or the school will check on their wellbeing.
- Absences are recorded and monitored; attendance reports will be sent throughout the school year.

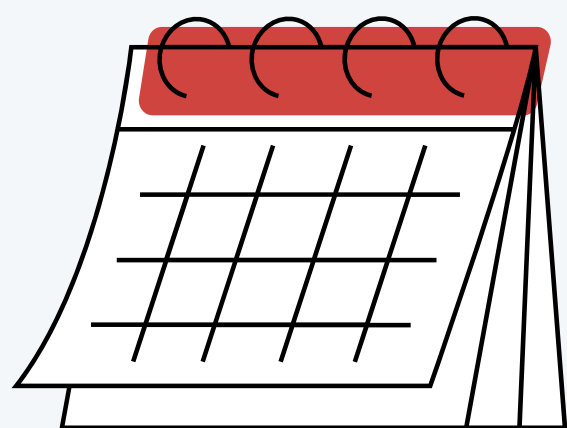
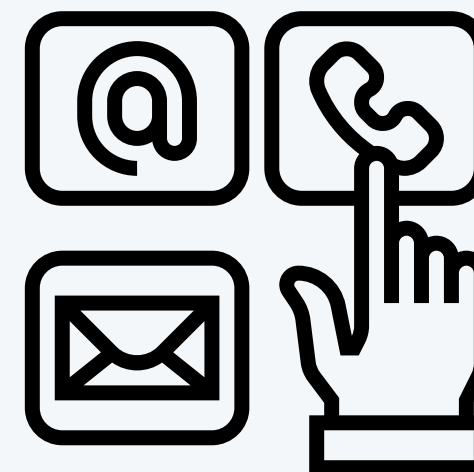


BEHAVIOUR AND BULLYING

- High expectations for behaviour are based on respect for all community members and shared responsibility for each other and the environment.
- Bullying in any form is not tolerated, and a robust policy is in place for investigations.
- Concerns about bullying should be reported to staff.
- Parents of children who repeatedly bully others will be invited to meet with senior leaders.
- We use a 'connect before correct' approach with our pupils to understand the reasons behind the behaviours we see.
- We follow our behaviour signpost and discuss behaviours in full with our pupils.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

- Parents should speak to us directly if they have any issues or concerns.
- To make an appointment, call the school office at 01427 880 409 or email office@northwheatley.notts.sch.uk.
- Class Teachers can also be contacted during working hours via Seesaw if you have any questions or concerns.



DIARY DATES

- Information and reminders about school events will be sent out to parents alongside being advertised on the school calendar on the website.
- Parents and carers will receive notice of special diary dates one or two weeks in advance, when possible.
- All school events may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING

- At North Wheatley C of E Primary, we consider the environment to be the 'the third teacher', whereby physical places have the potential to influence what and how children learn. This is an idea taken from the Reggio Emilia approach which we believe can be adapted and applied beyond the early years and has a positive impact on pupils throughout the primary phase and beyond. Children deserve learning environments that inspire and support them to 'be the best me they can be'.



FIRST AID

Look out for your child coming home wearing a coloured wristband...

- **YELLOW** – a yellow wristband tells you your child has had a minor first aid incident and received basic treatment, such as a cleansing wipe and plaster. A first aid slip should be in their bookbag or passed to you by a member of staff.
- **RED** – a red wristband means there has been a more significant injury. A slip will have been completed for you and a member of staff will need to speak to you; they might even call you during the school day to make you aware of what has happened.

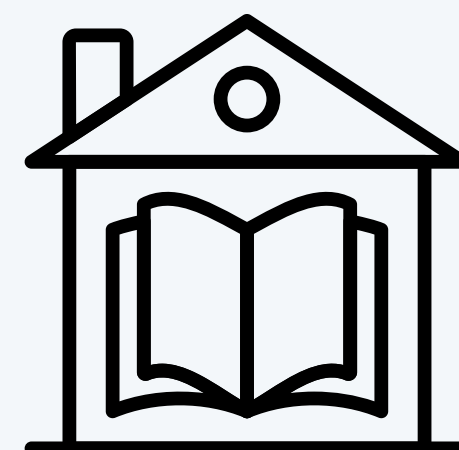


GOVERNORS

- We are thrilled to have such dedicated Governors at our school.
- The Governors visit the school at least once per term to oversee provisions and fulfil their link governor responsibilities. This allows them to assess whether children are progressing well and to understand how the learning environment aids their development.
- Each Governor performs this essential role voluntarily, dedicating a significant amount of their personal time to ensure that every child has the chance to reach their full potential.

HOME LEARNING

- At North Wheatley C of E Primary, we prioritise home learning as a means of reinforcing classroom knowledge while fostering independence. Understanding the demands on families, our strategy integrates home learning with online activities tailored to various needs.
- We emphasize reading at home, aiming for at least three sessions each week.
- Knowledge organisers are provided to aid in consolidating learning across different subjects.
- Children also have access to engaging online platforms such as Phonics Shed, Maths Shed, and Times Table Rock Stars.
- Year 6 students are given workbooks to assist with SATS preparation and facilitate their transition to secondary school.

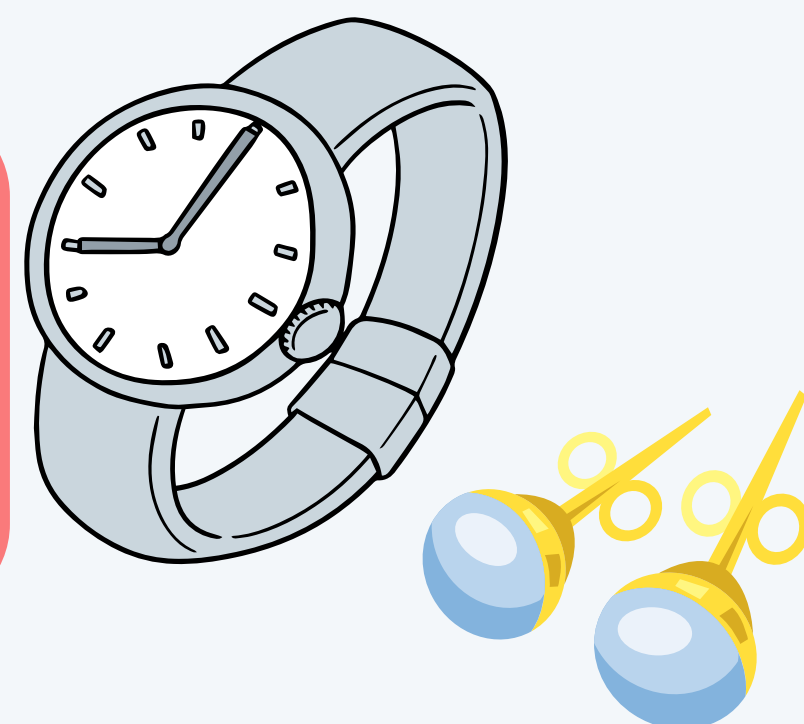


ILLNESS AND MEDICINE

- If your child is unwell, please contact the School Office directly.
- Messaging the class teacher is not recommended, as they may not see it before the school day begins; the office is responsible for managing absences.
- Children can remain at school with TLC unless they need to go home, in which case the school will contact the emergency contacts.
- At least two up-to-date emergency contacts must be kept on our records.
- All medications, including inhalers, should be submitted to the school office for proper documentation, and prescriptions must be labelled by the pharmacist.
- Children may only be excused from PE and swimming lessons for a legitimate medical reason.

JEWELLERY AND WATCHES

- Children with pierced ears may wear small studs; however, these **MUST** be taken out during all PE lessons. We recommend that children refrain from wearing earrings on these days, as many find it challenging to remove them, and they can easily get lost!
- Children are permitted to wear only basic analogue watches at school. Digital watches such as fitness trackers and smartwatches, are not allowed, as they can distract students and may be prone to damage or loss.



KEYSTAGE AND CLASS ORGANISATION

- North Wheatley is a growing school and therefore over time, there may be the need to make changes to class organisation throughout the school.
- Currently, there are both single-age and mixed-aged classes, which may evolve with larger cohorts.
- Currently our Key Stage 1 and Year 6 classes remain as standalone year groups.



LUNCH AND BREAKTIME



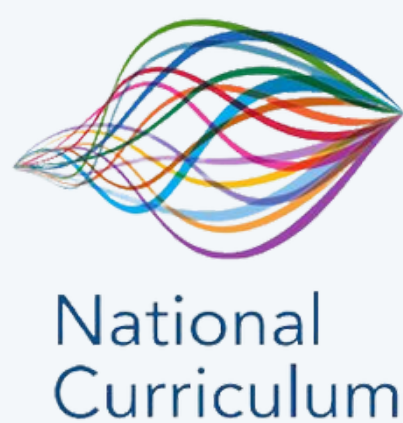
- Our aim is to create an environment where every child feels engaged and safe. By offering diverse options, we cater to different interests and abilities, ensuring that no one is left out. Whether a child is an aspiring athlete, a budding naturalist, or simply enjoys the thrill of climbing, there is something for everyone.
- Additionally, we encourage cooperative play and team activities to foster social skills and teamwork.
- Our dedicated staff are always on hand to supervise and support, making sure all children are safe and having fun. By nurturing both their physical and emotional well-being, we hope to contribute positively to their overall development and happiness.

MEETINGS

- Pupil Progress meetings are held with parents during the Autumn and Spring Terms. These sessions offer a chance to discuss your child's development and identify ways to enhance their learning at home.
- Teachers will also discuss your child's behavior and overall attitude toward learning. Additionally, they will update you on your child's progress in the curriculum and any extra support or challenges they may be facing.
- We strongly encourage all parents and caregivers to participate in these meetings and work collaboratively with our staff if any concerns arise regarding your child.
- If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please contact their class teacher as soon as possible.



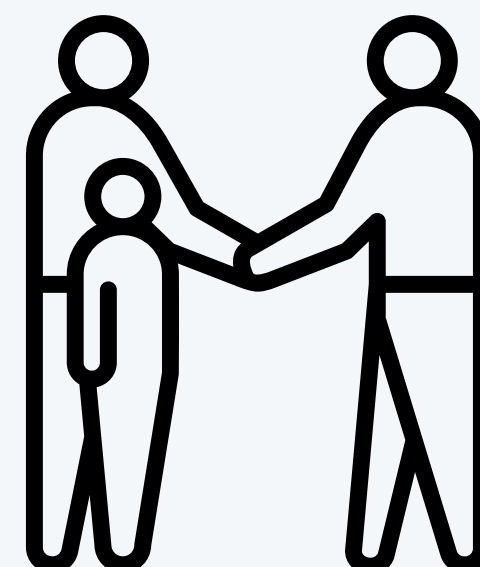
NATIONAL CURRICULUM



- The current National Curriculum was implemented in September 2014 and outlines the required subjects for learning. It is the responsibility of schools and individual educators to apply their professional expertise in determining the best methods for instruction.
- You can explore our school tapestry on our website, which showcases our unique approach to delivering the National Curriculum.

OPEN AND HONEST

- It is very important that we work in partnership with parents and carers to support your child to achieve their full potential.
- Should a Teacher have serious concerns regarding your child's progress in any curriculum area, they will request a meeting with you to address the issue. During this meeting, the teacher will share additional insights on how you can support your child and explain the measures we are implementing in school.
- If you have any concerns about your child, we strongly encourage you to schedule a meeting with the Class Teacher to discuss your these.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Our Personal Development and Cultural Passport is a pledge by North Wheatley to its pupils of 10 extra curricular opportunities that all pupils will experience during their time at our school.
- These experiences go beyond our every day curriculum, helping enhance pupils understanding and appreciation of the world around them.
- All pupils can access these opportunities, and for many, experience something that they may not get the chance to outside of school.
- We are passionate about offering opportunities which equipped our pupils to become citizens of a modern world.



QUESTIONNAIRES

- We highly value the opinions of all our stakeholders. Throughout the school year, we conduct pupil interviews and surveys regarding essential aspects of school life. Additionally, we appreciate feedback from parents and guardians and encourage them to reach out to us directly with any questions or concerns they may have. To help us continue to improve parent perceptions of the school, we request that parents complete an annual questionnaire.

READING

- In EYFS & KS1, a chapter book linked to their phonics learning and love for reading books. Some books will have words for you to read with your child, these are matched closely to their phonetic knowledge and learning taking place in school. Other books will have no words for the children to read but contain detailed pictures to discuss and create their own story. Love of reading books are to be shared with a grown up as your child may not have learnt all the sounds in this book yet.
- Year 2 onwards A decodable book matched to their comprehension level & and an optional love for reading book of their choice.
- Children may choose books to read with their parents, even if they are harder than their usual reading level. This is important as it helps develop a passion for reading at home.



SAFEGUARDING

- All schools in Nottinghamshire must adhere to established procedures for safeguarding the children under their care. Staff members receive appropriate training, as we all share the responsibility for the safety and protection of children.
- Our designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs. Richardson, and our Deputy DSL is Mrs. Moden.
- Any concerns regarding child protection should be reported to either of these staff members, who will then implement the school policy and follow Nottinghamshire procedures. This process is designed to safeguard children from abuse and neglect.

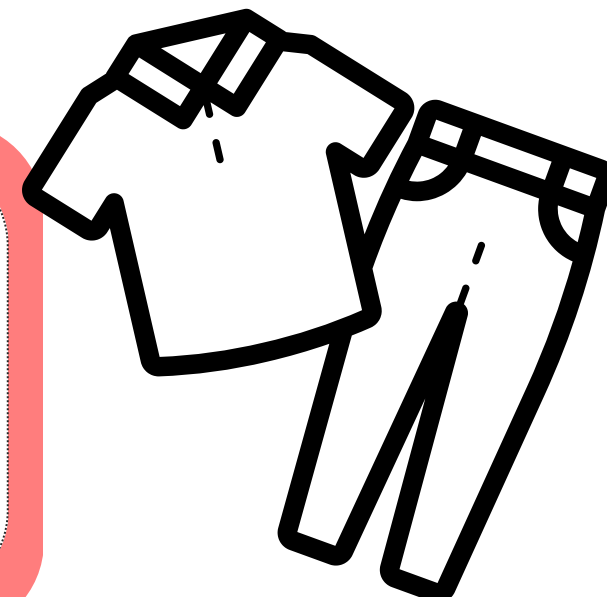
TEACHING CHRISTIAN VALUES

- Our unique Christian ethos is deeply woven into every aspect of school life; Christian values are the foundation of our actions and aspirations. Our curriculum incorporates a Christian Concept framework, fostering learning and knowledge through our core Christian values of Hope, Courage, Community, Respect, Wisdom, and Faith. The school's vision is for everyone to 'Believe, Achieve, Thrive'.



UNIFORM

- School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging for pupils. These factors contribute to students' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers.
- Information about our uniform can be found on the school website: <https://www.northwheatleyprimary.net/school-uniform/>

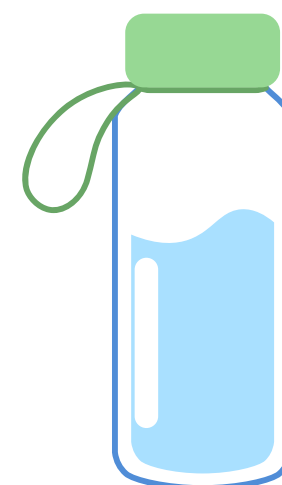


VOLUNTEERS

- If you wish to volunteer at the school, you must fill out a Notts County Council Application form and agree to background checks to confirm your eligibility. This process includes an interview with the Headteacher, securing appropriate references, and undergoing police checks. For more details, please refer to the policy available on our website.

WATER

- All children have access to fresh drinking water. Throughout the school day the children are given the opportunity to have water as part of their daily routine.
- Teachers remind children to have a drink at these times. During warmer weather additional water-breaks might be timetabled in within lessons to ensure that pupils stay hydrated.
- Children can also ask for a drink during lessons, as long as this does not interrupt their learning. Children are not allowed to drink squash or fruit juice in class; milk can be ordered for snack time.

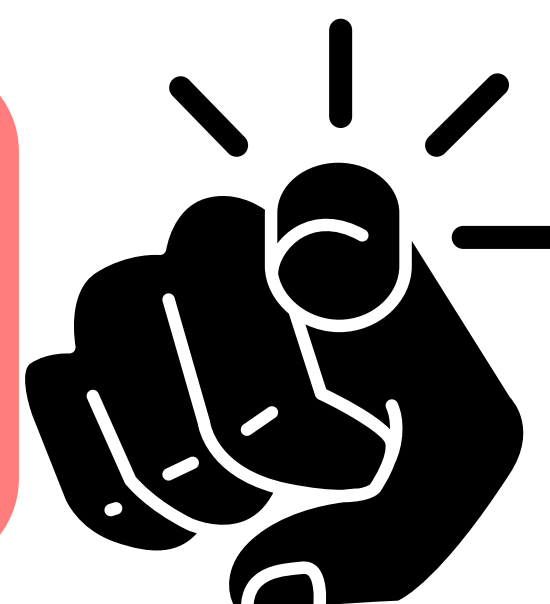


X-TRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

- Through the school year we will try to provide a range of clubs that cater for different ages, abilities and interests. Some clubs will run for a limited period to enable staff members to run different clubs at different times of year. Some clubs will be restricted to certain age-groups in order to ensure the skills required match the children's abilities.
- We are also proud to offer wrap around care opportunities. Our breakfast club, Early Birds, runs from 7.45 until 8.20 daily. Our after school club, Night Owls runs from 3 until 5 on Mondays to Thursday and from 3 until 4.15 on Fridays.

YOU

- Parenting brings wonderful highs, but it can also present significant lows. Sometimes, things don't unfold as anticipated, and unexpected challenges may arise that catch us off guard.
- If there are any issues at home that you believe could affect your child, please feel free to reach out to a staff member for support.



ZZZ SLEEP AND RELAXATION

- What other meanings could "z" have?!?
- Returning to school after a break can pose challenges as children adjust to new routines. We understand that getting ready for school can be tough, and the school day might seem quite long at the beginning of September!
- Younger children, in particular, may experience fatigue as the term kicks off, and we make every effort to gently guide them into the demands of a full school day.
- Please inform us if your child is struggling with sleep, as fatigue can significantly affect their behavior, focus, and academic progress.



USEFUL LINKS

HOME LEARNING OFFER



Scan the QR code for more information about the home learning that we offer as a school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



Scan the QR code to be directed to the Logo Leisurewear site.

OUR CURRICULUM



Scan the QR code for more information about our curriculum.

SCHOOL CALENDAR



Scan the QR code for our school calendar.