



11th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back

Welcome back to Edward Worlledge Ormiston Academy for the new school year. A special welcome to any parents that are new to us, we hope you feel very welcome and your children have settled quickly into their new classes and routines. It has been a delight to see all of the children coming through the gates with their smiling faces and smart new uniform. I have been impressed with how quickly they have adjusted to being back in school, working hard in lessons and following the academy routines.

Building improvements

Over the summer we had building contractors in making further improvements to the building, including:

- A new outdoor sensory trail
- Creation of more intervention and office space in our expanding autism base
- Remodelled office and entrance area
- New meeting room
- Ramp access to our Year 1 and Yare provision
- Redecoration of our main hall and staffroom
- Creation of a new room which will soon become a sensory room
- Moving of our music room into the main school



Calendar

We want to give parents as much warning as possible on important dates throughout the year, such as parents evenings, half term dates, Christmas concerts, sports days etc. We are in the process of finalising our calendar for this school year and will have key dates available on the academy website in the next week or so and sent out to parents via parentmail.



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Parent Communication

This year we will continue to use Parentmail as our main way to communicate important messages with parents. Please keep a close eye on any messages that come through on this app and if you need any support with its use, please see the school office. We will be reducing the number of newsletters coming out to approximately half termly and instead be advertising and celebrating activities through our school facebook page and website, which I encourage you to have a look at.....

We will continue to have termly letters from each year group, with our first one coming out the end of this week. Teachers are available to talk with on the playground at the end of the day, which is often the best way to get questions answered and concerns addressed. Staff on the school gates are also available to answer any queries.

Academy uniform

I have placed a link below to our uniform policy on the academy website [Edward Worlledge Ormiston Academy - Uniform \(edwardworlledgeoa.co.uk\)](http://EdwardWorlledgeOrmistonAcademy-Uniform(edwardworlledgeoa.co.uk)). Children do need to wear their full academy uniform including black school shoes or plain black leather trainers. Year 3 to Year 5 wear an academy tie with Year 6 wearing a special EWOA tie which they were presented with last Friday. On days that they have PE they will change in and out of their uniform before and after their PE lesson. We are more than happy for girls to continue wearing summer dresses whilst the weather is warm. If you have any questions or issues with getting the correct uniform, please see your child's teacher or the office as we have a large amount of second-hand uniform in stock. Can you also ensure uniform is labelled with your child's name as that makes finding missing uniform so much easier.

Attendance Matters

Being at school all day every day does make a significant difference. We know from our experience and data that children who are regularly at school, with an attendance of over 96% do go to high school with better outcomes in phonics, maths, reading and writing than those pupils with poor attendance. Excellent attendance is a priority for us and the DfE this year, with changes being made by us and them.

Lates – the main playground gates now remain open until 8:55am, any children arriving after this time must enter via the academy office and will receive an official Late mark on their register.

Leave of Absence – in line with DfE regulations, any unauthorised leave of absence requests meeting the 10 session threshold will be referred to the Local Authority and are likely to result in a FPN.

The NCC Attendance/FPN letter was sent out prior to the holiday and will be sent out again (along with the EWOA expectations) towards the end of this week.

Tuck

We are no longer able to run tuck in the same way we have previously. Next week we will be trialling our Bagel Café trolley which is available for all pupils to access for **free**.

There will be bagels (with jam, butter or honey) and various fruits/vegetables for children to choose from and we hope that this will be an exciting success.

Pupils are still able to bring their own snack from home.