

This information page gives you some of the key information needed for starting school in September. There is also an information flyer, which is an introduction to Wallscourt Farm for you to share with your child.

Timings:

School will start at 8:45 and finish at 3:15. At the start of each day, families are welcomed into Wallscourt and you can settle your child into a learning activity if you would like to. We will then indicate it is time to go unless you are staying on to help with learning for the day!

Meals:

All children will be able to have a school meal – *either paid or free and we have information about eligibility for Free School Meals for all families if needed.* Children are also able to bring a packed lunch if needed. **It is really important that you register for Free School Meals eligibility, as this enables the school to access essential funding as part of the Pupil Premium funding from the Government. This funding is essential for the whole school finances.**



Wrap-Around Care:

The school will be providing a breakfast club from 8:15-8:45 and an afterschool club from 3:15-5:45, **if needed** for our community. This will be a paid service which families will need to register for, and will be run on a not-for-profit basis, based on the needs of our community. The afterschool club may include enrichment activities such as Sports coaching and other clubs.



Birthdays are celebrated in school but **please don't send in sweets/cakes**- with food allergies this can become really difficult. We make sure that children are made to feel really special on their birthdays ☺

Medicines

Please let us know on your Essential Information form if your child takes any medication on a routine basis. We may need you to complete an additional form, and this will be discussed with you at your home visit.

Illness

If children are ill with a sickness or diarrhoea bug, they need to be clear of any symptoms and **remain off school for 48 hours after they are feeling better.** This is essential Health and Safety guidance for all schools to ensure illness does not spread unnecessarily. We thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Key policies

All of the key policies are reviewed by the Academy Council as part of our annual cycle and then go on the website. If there are any policies you would like to see, please contact us on info@wallscourtfarmacademy.org.uk or look online.

Attendance

Ensuring that all children are in school, ready for learning every day is essential. We would ask you to please make sure you book appointments outside the school day where possible and all holidays are taken during the breaks. All attendance is recorded and monitored closely for each child, and every day really counts. We thank you for your support in this for the benefit of the children.

Book bags

All children will need a book bag ready from the week beginning 22nd September, when they are in full time. Initially, children can choose from a selection, but at the meeting for families in October, we will be sharing some strategies and tips on reading at home, and a reading diary. In the first instance, please just encourage your children to enjoy the books with you at home.

Water bottles

Please get your child a water bottle for September. **These need to contain water only** – no squash or fizzy drinks and no glass bottles please. The water bottle needs to be clearly labeled with your child's name.



Clothing

Please make sure children wear suitable clothing for school each day. This includes a school sweatshirt, a t-shirt and school style grey or black on the bottom half! Please also make sure children wear sensible shoes, not sandals or trainers other than all black school ones. All children will also need to have a pair of wellies to stay in school during the week. **ALL CLOTHING NEEDS TO BE LABELLED CLEARLY**- Thank you.

These notes are just the key bits of essential information. If you have any further questions or queries, please check and we will be really happy to talk things through with you. Many thanks – the team at Wallscourt Farm Academy ☺