

Whitley Lodge First School

New Term Notices – September 2025



School Contact Information

New website address:

www.whitleylodgefirst.org

New email addresses:

To contact the office, please use:

office@whitleylodgefirst.org

For the SENDCo, please use:

SEND@whitleylodgefirst.org

Attendance & Punctuality

Thank you to the overwhelming majority of parents / carers who ensure that their children have high attendance and are always on time for school. We are incredibly proud that our school's overall attendance and punctuality rates are well above the national averages.

With regards to term-time holidays, Government guidelines are that this is always unauthorised. For safe-guarding purposes, we ask that you complete a holiday absence form, in advance.

As always, if you require any more information or support in relation to attendance or punctuality, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Healthy Packed Lunch & Nut Allergy Alert

We are proud to have been awarded the North Tyneside Healthy Schools Award. The award recognises our commitment to health and wellbeing in school. This includes our standards for eating a healthy lunch as it is an important part of the school day and enables children to be active learners.

Please ensure that all packed lunches provide children with healthy and nutritious food. They should include as balanced a range of healthy food types, as possible. Please do not include sweets, chocolate spread, chocolate bars or fruit strings.

No nuts or any products with nuts are allowed in school

We have children in school with severe nut and seed allergies and we want to keep everyone safe. No nuts or seeds in or on food. This includes sesame seeds, peanut butter and Nutella as they can cause serious harm to children with nut allergies.

Whatever the Weather



We always try to get the children outside for fresh air at playtime and lunchtime. As the weather is changeable and unpredictable, please make sure your child has a waterproof coat with them everyday. Please also clearly name coats, cardigans, jumpers and bottles.

Hair styles & Jewellery

Please note the guidelines below for hair styles and jewellery which form part of our Uniform Policy:

- Wrist watches can be worn but no smart watches.
- Small stud earrings only / no earrings for PE
- No dyed hair. Natural hair colour only.
- No tramlines, skin fades, shaved patterns or shaved heads.
- Plain, preferably blue, hair accessories.
- No large bows or hairbands please.

School Uniform Give Away

We have a large collection of pre-loved school jumpers and cardigans, washed and ready to go to a new home.

These clothes are available in the main reception foyer. Please come at any time during the school day to pick it up.

Seesaw

We are committed to maintaining strong home/school links and will share weekly curriculum highlights using Seesaw. New class Seesaw codes have been sent home. Please log on to ensure that you receive class information each week.

Bikes & Scooters

We actively encourage children to ride bikes and scooters to and from school.

Please do not allow children to ride them across the yard at any time. There are often much younger children on the yard at drop off and pick up who could be seriously hurt if hit by a bike or scooter. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Parent Helpers Wanted Please

It is so wonderful that we can fully engage in opportunities to learn outside the classroom. We have a full programme of trips and events planned for the coming academic year.

In order for these to go ahead we are looking for more parent/carer helpers who have been approved with a Whitley Lodge First School DBS.

If you hope to help with school trips at any time, please contact the school office for details of how to register. This is a free service and once approved will last for 3 years.

Sorry No Dogs

We love dogs at Whitley Lodge but know that not everyone does. Some children can be afraid of dogs they don't know. For this reason, please note that no dogs are allowed on the school yard or carpark. Thank you.