

Warton St.Paul's CE Primary Academy
Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2020



It is so wonderful to see all our children and families back after such a long time away. The children look smart and refreshed and ready for learning.

Attached to this newsletter this week is a class newsletter from your child's teacher. This explains what learning experiences your child will be taking part in.

Please could you also complete the different forms attached too. Even if you have completed them before, please could you sign and return them again.

On Tuesday 1st September we successfully converted to become an Academy, and are now part of the Cidari Trust. You will begin to notice some exciting changes to our building over the next couple of months and more new resources for our children.

Thank you for all your ongoing support, if you do have any concerns please do not hesitate to discuss them with a member of staff.

Kind regards,

Mrs Dean

School Admissions

The closing date for applications to primary school is 15th January 2021. If your child will be 4 by 31st August 2021 you need to apply by that date, even if you have another child at the school.

**Apply online for
your child's
school place**

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2021

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-schoolplace/>

Snacks and water bottles

Your child can bring in a bottle with water in to drink during the day. The Junior children can bring a snack in but please make sure this is healthy fruit/vegetables.

Thank you

Could your child be eligible for Pupil Premium funding?

The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools so that they can support 'disadvantaged pupils' and close the attainment gap between them and their peers. This additional funding is based upon the number of pupils who currently qualify for Free School Meals or who have done so in the last 6 years; children who have been adopted from care; looked after children and children of Service Personnel. In order to qualify for Free School Meals you need to check to see if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work



If your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals, that eligibility will be protected until Universal Credit is introduced (expected March 2022) even if your circumstances change. If your child is still in education on this date, they will be eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in.

Registering is really quick and easy. If you think you qualify you can register online at https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium or telephone **01524 581207**. It must be the person claiming the benefit that rings and you will need to provide your name, date of birth and National Insurance Number. They will confirm whether you are entitled to Free School Meals immediately.

Even though all infant children qualify for Universal Free School Meals, please still apply for Free School Meals if you think you may be eligible. If you qualify for Free School Meals the school will receive additional funding which will be used to support your child.

If you qualify for Free School Meals and you don't want your child to have the school meal, they can continue with a packed lunch as normal.