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Safeguarding our pupils

June 2026

Safeguarding the pupils in our care is a priority in school. Staff receive regular training updates on policies and procedures as well as information about our school context and how we can support our pupils. We regularly adapt our PSHE and our Safeguarding curriculum to ensure that it reflects the current issues that impact on our pupils. Topics include: Being Healthy including personal hygiene and puberty, being respectful in relationships and friendships including healthy and unhealthy relationships, supporting our mental health and well being, being safe in our home and local environment, money and careers education, caring for our environment and different families. On line safety is taught every term. Our newly updated PSHE / RSE policy will be on the school website by the end of June. If you have any questions about our PSHE curriculum please contact Mrs. Forrest or Miss Smith.

Following the recent tragedies in water we will be taking part in Drowning Prevention week. The children will have an assembly about water safety and will take part in age appropriate activities linked to the dangers of water. Please remind your children about the dangers of swimming in water even on hot days.

If you have any concerns about a child in school please contact the Designated Person. **The designated persons for safeguarding are:**

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs L.A. Forrest: Head Teacher

Designated Safeguarding Deputies:

Mrs. C Ramanandi, Mrs. J. Traynor (Assistant Headteachers) Mr. J. Brown, Mrs. Preece and Miss Turnbull

Nominated Governors: Mr. Dan Griffin, Mrs. Janeisha Sadler

E-Safety lead: Mrs. L. Hope

Transition week

School transition week will take place on Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July. You will have received a letter prior to this letting you know which class your child will be moving on to and who their class teacher will be. The children will move on to their new classroom and get to meet their new teacher. This helps the children and staff to get to know one another before the end of term which hopefully lessens some of the children's anxieties about moving on to their new class in September.

The children will just go to their usual classroom door and once they have been registered staff will support them on moving to meet their new teacher.

Article 28: You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

Earrings

Our parents and children

uphold the "no jewellery" rule very well. Thank you for this.

If you are planning to get your child's ears pierced this year, the very best time to do this for school is at the start of the summer holiday.

Most ears have healed enough on the children's return to school in September to allow them to join in PE, swimming etc.



Article 19—You have the right to be safe and protected from harm

What's happening?

- ◆ Diary Dates
- ◆ Good bye and Good luck
- ◆ School uniform
- ◆ Summer term events
- ◆ Holidays in term time
- ◆ Quiz night

Sports Day

Thanks to everyone who attended our annual Sports Day. It was great to see so many parents attending and watching the children enjoying the activities on offer.

A special thanks to Mrs. Herring and Mr. Gibson who worked with the Gateshead School Sports Partnership to organise the event. Article 31 -Every child has the right to relax and play



Remember!

Children finish for the summer break at the end of Friday 17th July and they return to school on **WEDNESDAY 2nd September**. Monday 31st August is a Bank Holiday. Tuesday 2nd September will be a training day for staff.

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More Information

Thank you, Good Bye and Good luck

I would like to say thank you, good bye and good luck to two of our longest standing, most respected members of our teaching staff.

Mrs. Ferry reduced her hours following Covid and has decided to retire at the end of this term, after 21 years of teaching service with us. She has had such a positive influence on so many Windy Nook children and will be a great miss.

Mr. Brown has managed to secure a teaching post nearer to home so will leave us at the end of this term. He has brought music and laughter to both staff and students and we wish him well and thank him for his 10 years of service to Windy Nook Primary.

Our congratulations go to Mrs. Herring and her husband who welcomed their new baby girl last week.

Holidays in term time

The National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence came into effect from August 2024. There is a new single consistent national threshold for Penalty Notices of 10 unauthorised sessions within a rolling 10 school week period.

There has also been an increase to the rate of a penalty notice from £120 if paid within 28 days, reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days to £160 if paid within 28 days, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

Parents no longer receive a Warning Letter for the first unauthorised leave of absence referral, as per the previous Code of Conduct; all parents will be issued with a Penalty Notice at the first referral.

Please be aware that the Legal Intervention Team pursue any unpaid fines and this has recently resulted in one of our families being summoned to appear at the magistrates court and being issued a fine of over £700 (including court costs) for not paying the initial £60 fine.

Dates for your Diary
Please note that some dates may change due to circumstances beyond the school's control.

Thurs 11th June	Curriculum committee 5pm Resources committee 6pm
Fri 12th June	Y6 return from residential
Mon 15th June	Y5/6 Orienteering
Wed 17th June	Choir attend Big Sing—Glasshouse Governor Attendance Panel
Mon 22nd June	School Assessment Week Y1-5 Y5 What is university workshop
Tues 23rd June	Y6 Into University workshop
Wed 24th June	Y4 Careers in Action workshop Y6 visit Newcastle University
Thur 25th June	New reception parents meeting 4pm
Fri 26th June	Y6 St. Albans visit pm
Tues 30th June	New class lists go to parents
Wed 1st July	School transition Day
Thur 2nd July	School Transition Day Full Governing Body meeting 5pm
Fri 3rd July	Y6 First Aid workshops
Mon 6th July	Summer Festival
	Y6 sports competition in school
	Nursery Stay and play session 4pm
	LKS2 visit Bede's World
Tues 7th July	Summer Music Concert 5pm
Tues 14th July	Reports to parents
Wed 15th July	100% attendance assembly
Fri 17th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Windy Nook School Uniform

Our school uniform policy states that children should wear royal blue sweat shirts, white polo shirts, dark grey skirts and / or trousers and black shoes or trainers. Sumer uniform can include summer dresses and grey school shorts. The majority of children abide by our school uniform rules and in doing so look incredibly smart, and feel part of our school community. Remember leggings are not part of the school uniform policy although can be worn on PE days. Please can you also remember that long hair needs to be tied back for both hygiene and safety reasons. False nails are also not allowed in school. Thank you for your support with this.

Remember School Uniform can be bought from Logos Unlimited . Check our school website for full details.

Please make sure that you label your child's belongings. We often have a pile of uniform and belongings that nobody claims and it is just disposed of.

Quiz night

Family quiz night on Thursday 18th June. Teams of up to 6 adults/children can enter by ticket only. £3 per team-tickets available from the school office. Prizes to be won and we will be selling hot dogs, snacks and drinks on the night.

Summer Term Events

Week commencing 29th June

Tuesday 30th and
Wednesday 1st July in school
transition days

Week commencing 14th July

Monday 13th July -UKS2
Sports Assembly
Tuesday 14th July—LKS2
Sports Assembly
Friday 16th July -Y6
Leavers' Assembly

Please be aware that if you are planning to attend either the **Sports Award**

Assembly on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July or the **Y6 Leavers' Assembly** on the last day, our ticketing arrangements will be in place for these events.