



WELLSPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Key information for September 2023

We hope you have a good summer! This letter provides some information about the start of the new school year, which on the most part will be very similar to last year. We will re-send this information out again just before the school starts back on **Wednesday 6th September**.

Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September are INSET days, so children will NOT be in school on these days. Key dates about the school year are on the school website (<https://wellsprings.somerset.sch.uk/about-our-school/>), and a calendar will be sent out in September.

Dropping off and collecting children

Classes will start at 8.45 am and end at 3.15 pm. Key Stage 2 children are allowed to go directly into their classrooms via the usual access points into school, from 8.40 am. **Parents and carers will not access the school/classrooms to facilitate this, Key Stage 2 pupils need to do this independently.**

We will also keep registration open until 9.00 am so families will have 15 minutes at the start of the day to ensure their children arrive 'on time'. We appreciate that we will need some flexibility at the start and end of the day during the handovers, as we have previously.

Access on to the school site will be from 8.40 and 3.05 from the front and rear pedestrian gates. The vehicle gate at the front of the school, will remain closed so access in/out will only be via the front and rear pedestrian gates. A [map on page 4](#) of this document locates each handing over point for quick reference.

Squirrels (Nursery), Grey and Red Squirrels

Red Squirrels and Grey Squirrels children will be dropped off/collected the green door at the rear of our school car park, next to the TOG building. There is a patio area next to the entrance if parents/carers wish to wait here.

Squirrels (Nursery) will enter via the pencil gates next to the green door entrance.

Year 1 children in Red and Grey Squirrels will start as the same time as the other children, in Hedgehogs and Badgers, and will be full time throughout that first week and beyond. This will be from 8.45 am to 3.15 pm.



Week 1

Reception and Nursery children will attend half days on Wednesday 6th September and Thursday 7th Friday 8th September, 8.55 am to 12.00 pm. Snack will be provided but there will be no lunch. On Friday 9th September, Reception will be in from 8.55 am to 1.00 pm, with lunch being provided. Hot dinners will be ordered and those wishing to bring a packed lunch may do so.

Nursery's timeslots in this week will be from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. For Nursery children who normally attend the afternoon session on Thursday/Friday, they may also bring their lunch and stay until 1.00 pm.

Week 2

Most Reception children will begin to attend full-time 8.50 am to 3.10 pm. A few children may continue on a part-time basis after discussion between the family and school. Existing nursery children will resume their normal hours. New nursery children will begin taster sessions.

Nursery children's school day will be from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm, although children can be dropped off from 8.50 onwards to help with families who have siblings across the school.

Hedgehogs and Badgers

Children in Hedgehogs and Badgers classes will now be dropped off/collected on the Key Stage 1 playground. We will trial this initially, and monitor if it has a negative impact on car parking on Taunton Green. **It may be if the car parking becomes an issue again on Taunton Green, we will have to resume dropping off at the front of the school like we did last year.** However, with only two classes accessing the school via this point we hope it may be more manageable.

Key Stage 2

Hares class will be collected/dropped off at the **front entrance to the class**, as was last year.

At 8.45, a member of staff from first floor Key Stage 2 classes (Adders, Robins, Otters, Foxes and Rabbits) **will collect those children not already in their classrooms**, from the Key Stage 2 playground. On Wednesday 6th September the drop off/collection points on the KS2 playground will be signposted clearly for future handovers.

Breakfast and After school clubs

These clubs will start on Wednesday 6th September. Please book your child/children into these clubs using ParentMail, visit <https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk/>. We ask that parents/carers drop their children off at the designated time of 8.00 am for our breakfast club, and their children will be collected from the school gates.

Water bottles

It is preferable that every child has their own named water bottle. Water fountains are now in use and each class has access to drinking water to refill their water bottle.



Pupil uniforms

Children should wear:

- School jumper;
- White shirt or polo shirt;
- Grey trousers/shorts/skirts/dresses or summer school dress;
- Long hair tied back and no jewellery/watches;
- Black footwear.

PE Kit

- White T-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black daps or trainers for outside games

Children will continue to come into school in their PE kit on the days they will be doing PE. Obviously if the weather is colder/raining, your child will need to wear plain (preferably grey) jogging bottoms and their school sweater to ensure they are warm enough.

A change of clothes for FS children is also required. No toys from home, please.

Parents/carers are asked to apply [sun cream](#) at the beginning of the school day when the weather is warmer and bring any additional cream to apply themselves when they are in school.

Map of the school

