



# WELLSPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Key information for September 2022

We hope you are having 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 the previous arrangements, prior to Covid disruptions. However, there will be a few changes and Foundation Stage will have their customary alternative transition arrangements.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Attendance

The first school day for **all pupils** to attend, is on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**. The Foundation Stage staff have already been in touch with Reception and Nursery parents regarding their starting arrangements for the couple of weeks, as this differs slightly to the rest of the school. **For further information, see the additional information for the [Foundation Sate below](#).**

We will no longer use all the 'Covid-safe' routines that were in place throughout last year. However, we cannot rule out there may be temporary measures schools may need to consider some routine changes if viral rates increase significantly. As ever, we will await further instruction from Public Health in the future.

### Dropping off and collecting children

**Most classes will start at 8.45 am and end at 3.15 pm. The start of the year will be slightly different for Foundation Stage ([see here below](#)).** However, we appreciate that many families have children attending across the key stages so to provide some flexibility, 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.**

The new start/end time is to match the government's expectation that schools should offer children 32.5 hours of schooling per week. The only exception to this are the nursery children, as they are not of 'statutory school age' (5 years or older) this academic year. Reception children will need to meet the [DfE hours from January 2023](#) so there will be adjusted times in the Spring term.

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. We will not be using the side gate as we have done previously on requests from local residents that back on to Ryddon Lane. The vehicle gate 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.

## Foundation stage

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.

## Foundation transition timetable

### Week 1

Reception and Nursery children will attend half days on Monday 5th September, Tuesday 6th September and Wednesday 7th September. Snack will be provided but there will be no lunch. Reception children's school day will last from 8.50 am to 12.00 pm, while Nursery's will be from 8.50 am to 12.00 pm.

On Thursday 8th September and Friday 9th September, Reception children will stay for lunch at school with the school day lasting from 8.50 am to 1.00 pm. Hot dinners have been ordered and those wishing to bring a packed lunch may do so.

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 3.10pm. 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 3.05 pm, although children can be dropped off from 8.50 onwards to help with families who have siblings across the school.

**Reception children will extend their working day to 8.45- 3.15 in January 2023, to fulfill the DfE 32.5 hours expectation.**



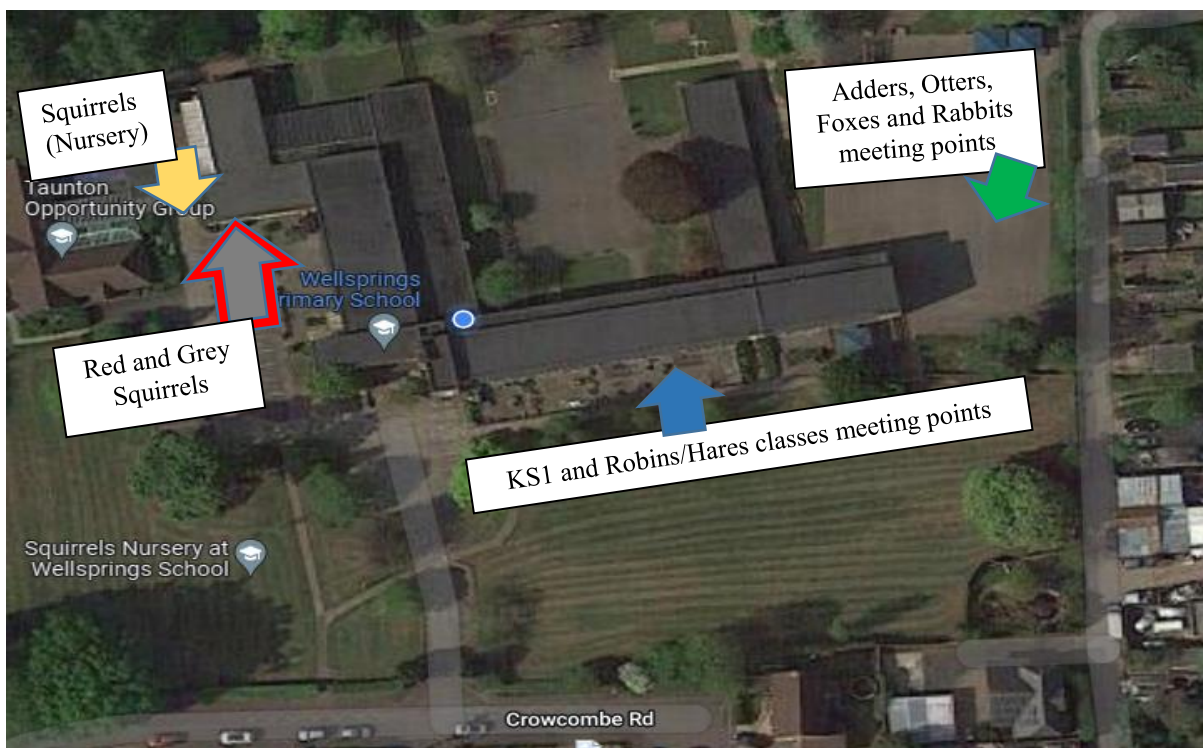
## Key Stage 1 and 2

Key Stage 1 children will be dropped off/collected at the front of the school. There is ample space for parents/carers to wait either on the field area or within the confines of the gated areas directly outside each classroom door.

Ground floor Key Stage 2 classes (Robins and Hares) will be collected/dropped off at the front entrance to each class, like with the Key Stage 1 classes.

At 8.45, a member of staff from first floor Key Stage 2 classes (Adders, Otters, Foxes and Rabbits) **will collect those children not already in their classrooms**, from the Key Stage 2 playground. On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September the drop off/collection points on the KS2 playground will be signposted clearly for future handovers.





## Hygiene

There will be key areas of the school we will continue **clean very regularly**, notably in shared areas.

Children (and staff) will use hand sanitiser on entry into school, and throughout the day Children will continue to be reminded to wash their hands/gel especially before eating.

## Breakfast and After school clubs

**These clubs will start on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.** As before, they will be based in the dining area, and we will continue to keep each key phases separate to help with provision arrangements. 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 shoes.



## 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.

