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01 September 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Welcome, back to a new school year!

I hope that you are all well and have had a lovely, relaxing summer break.

As promised, I am writing to you to outline a number of changes to the entrances and exits to school; as well as general reminders.

The safety of everyone, is of utmost importance. Therefore, from Wednesday 6th September, we will be trialling a different way to come into school – attempting to reduce the amount of people queuing on the main road.

School gates will open at 08:40 and families are invited to enter school from the side of the school hall.

Once children have been dropped off, adults will walk around the outside of the school building and out of the gate, that exits onto the main road.

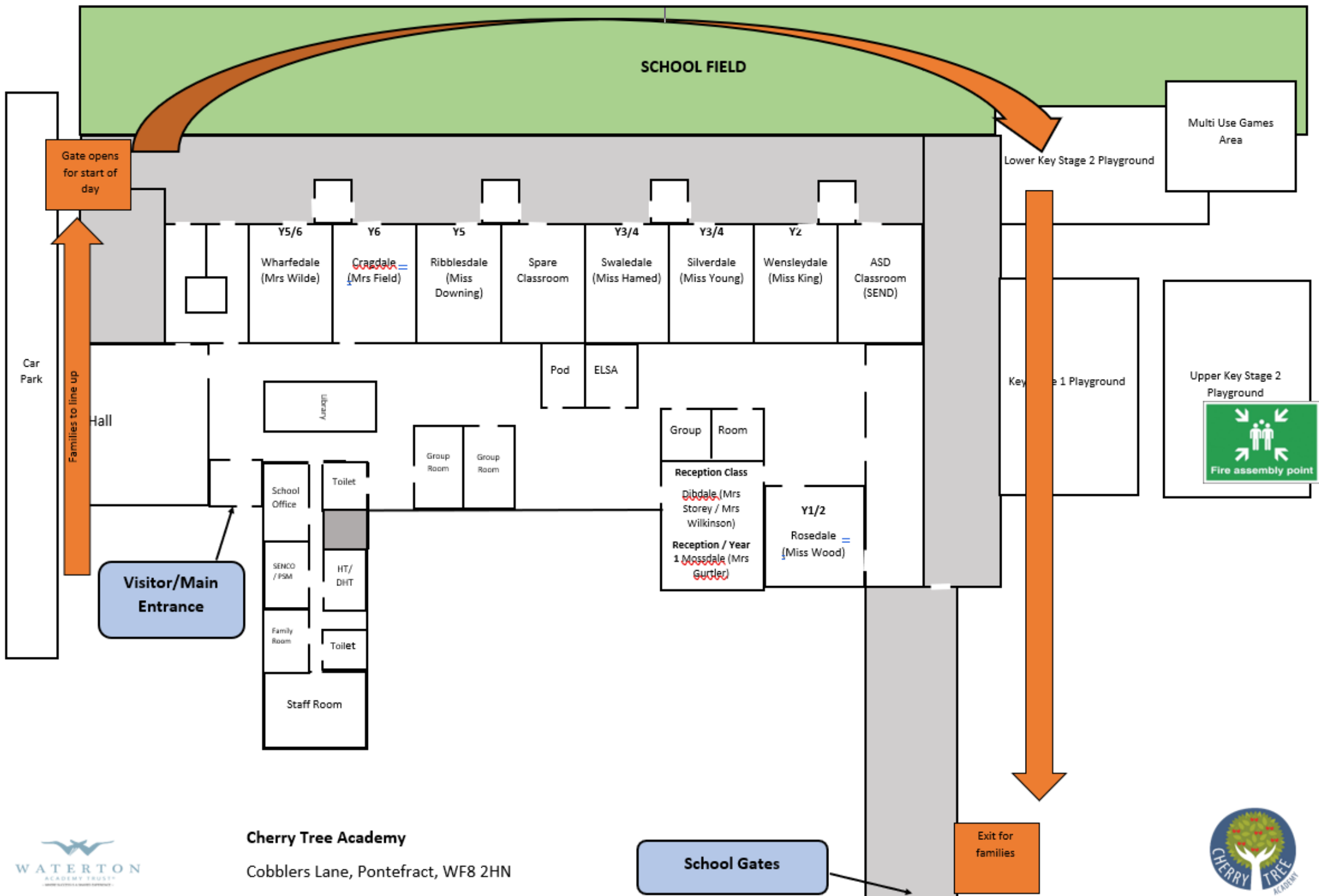
I would welcome any feedback on this. The map and photos, below, outline where the entrance to school will be as indicated by the orange arrows.



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The school car park will not be accessible from 08:30-09:00 and 15:00-15:30, daily. As always, there will be staff around school who will be able to support and guide you to the entrances / exits of the site. Look out for staff, wearing Hi-Viz jackets.

Walking home from school:

From September, **only** pupils in year 6 will be allowed to walk home alone. Other pupils, including those in year 5 will need to be collected by a parent, carer or responsible family member.

Children, except those who are walking home alone, will not need a mobile phone in school, as a result.

I certainly do not want to inhibit our pupils becoming independent but ultimately, the safety, care and welfare of our pupils is my top priority.

Inset Days:

We have two inset days booked in for September. These dates are: Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September. **Pupils are not in school on these days.**

School will reopen for pupils on **Wednesday 6th September at 8:40am.**

The remaining inset days are below (subject to change):

- Friday 24th May 2024
- Friday 19th July 2024
- Monday 22nd July 2024

School Meals:

The menu is (subject to change):

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	Vegetable & Lentil Bolognese with Pasta Pork Sausage Hot Dog Jacket Potato - Beans /Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw Seasonal Vegetables Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt	Vegetable & Mixed Bean Chilli & Rice Margherita Pizza & Wedges Jacket Potato - Beans /Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw Seasonal Vegetables Apple Sponge with Custard	Quesadillas & Mexican Salsa Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes Jacket Potato - Beans /Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw Seasonal Vegetables Chocolate Brownie	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread Beef Pasty & Herb Potatoes Jacket Potato - Beans /Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw Seasonal Vegetables Lemon Drizzle Cake	Quorn Nuggets with Chips Fish Fingers & Chips Jacket Potato - Beans /Cheese/Tuna Mayo/Coleslaw Seasonal Vegetables Pineapple Upside Down Sponge

School meals are charged at £2:80 per day.

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Teaching, support and pastoral team September 2023:

I have outlined, below the new teaching, support and pastoral staff team, for September 2023 (subject to change):

Class	Teacher	Support Staff	
	Mr Dawson		Headteacher
	Mrs Storey		Deputy Headteacher
	Mrs Millard		SENCO
	Mrs Wiggins		Pastoral Manager
Dibdale (Reception)	Mrs Wilkinson (Phase Leader) and Mrs Storey	Mrs Bailey and Mrs Hamilton	
Mossdale (Reception / Year 1)	Mrs Gurtler	Mrs Barclay and Mrs Foster	
Rosedale (Year 1/2)	Miss Wood	Mrs Smith and Mrs O'Hara	
Wensleydale (Year 2)	Miss King (Phase Leader)	Mr Sykes and Mrs Bogget	
Silverdale (Year 3/4)	Miss Hamed	Mr Pool	
Swaledale (Year 3/4)	Miss Young	Mrs Duffy	
Ribblesdale (Year 5)	Miss Downing	Mrs Purcell and Mrs Singer	
Wharfedale (Year 5/6)	Mrs Wilde (Phase Leader)	Miss Walsh and Mrs Wigg	
Cragdale (Year 6)	Mrs Field (Phase Leader)	Mrs Morris	

Contacting school:

The school office will be open, on Monday morning from 8am until 12pm (01977 704138). You can also contact the school via email cherrytreeoffice@watertonacademytrust.org if you have any questions or queries.

I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back into school.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Dawson
Headteacher

The uniform at Cherry Tree Academy is designed to be smart, comfortable and cost effective.

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Uniform from September 2023	P.E Kit from September 2023
Red sweatshirt or cardigan with CTA Logo	White plain t-shirt
Plain red sweatshirt or cardigan	White polo top
Plain white polo top	Black shorts
Black or dark-grey trousers	Black tracksuit bottoms/joggers
Black or dark-grey skirt	Red jumper with CTA logo
Black or dark-grey smart shorts (no sports shorts)	Plain red hoodie/jumper (no logos)
Black or dark-grey pinafore dress	Trainers for outdoor P.E.
Red & white Gingham summer dress	Black plimsolls
Black shoes/sandals (black trainers are acceptable but they must be entirely black with no coloured branding).	A red drawstring bag to carry the sports kit in.
All children are required to have a Cherry Tree reading book bag, rather than large backpacks.	



Items of clothing and accessories NOT allowed:

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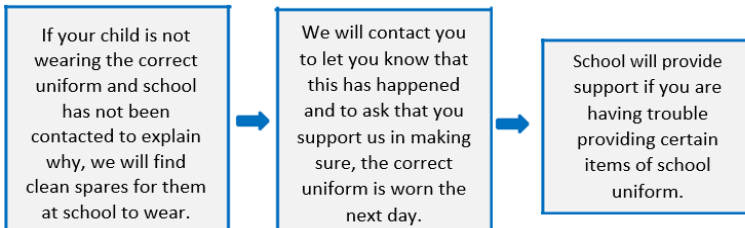
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- Shoes/boots with high or wedged heels are not suitable footwear for school.
- Watches and stud earrings may be worn but no other jewellery is permitted and will be confiscated.
- Make-up, false nails and nail varnish should not be worn and children will be asked to remove these straight away if they found to be wearing them.
- Fake tattoos should not be worn.
- Football kits (or kits for other sports) should not be worn for P.E. lessons.
- On non-uniform days, appropriate clothing for school should be worn.
- Children are not permitted to bring into school large backpacks.

***Any confiscated items will be returned at the end of the school day and families will be contacted.**

If your child is not wearing the correct uniform:



Some items of school uniform can be purchased from the school office.

Book Bags - £2.50
PE kit bag - £2.00
School logo (sew-on badge) 50p

Healthy packed lunches might include:

At least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables e.g.:	Meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein e.g.:	A starchy food e.g.:	Dairy food e.g.:
Carrot sticks Cucumber Small apple Orange Banana Dried fruit Mini tomatoes Mango cubes	Chicken/turkey Ham Beef Pork Tuna Lentils Kidney beans Chickpeas Peanut butter Falafel.	Bread Pasta or rice Crackers Rice cakes Oat cakes Pitta bread Tortilla wraps.	Milk Cheese Yoghurt or fromage frais.

Fizzy drinks, juices and flavoured water are NOT allowed.

Please be reassured that fresh water will be provided during lunchtimes and throughout the school day.

Our alternative suggestions to snacks such as chocolate bars include:

- Sugar free jellies with fruit.
- Cakes and biscuits in moderation.
- Fruit, vegetables.



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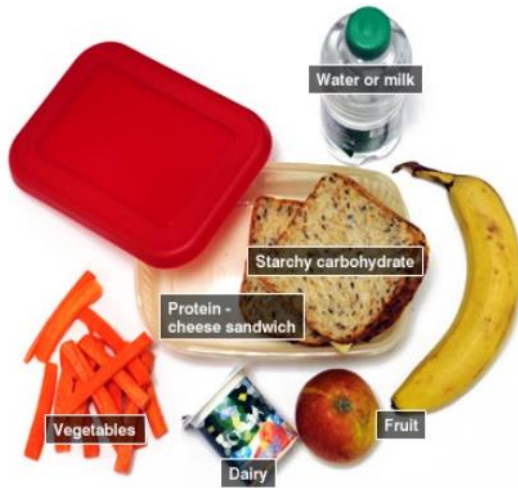
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What's in a healthy lunchbox?

"Healthy"

A healthy packed lunch should include



"Unhealthy"

A packed lunch should avoid



Source: Food Standards Agency

Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack for break-times. This should ideally be provided in a small named container.

Children in the infants are able to take part in the National fruit scheme, which means that a range of fruits and vegetables are provided every day - free! In addition to this you can also purchase milk for your child in the infants (Ask for details at the school office).

If you are struggling for ideas for healthy snacks that your child might like there are websites such as www.schoolfoodtrust.org / www.greatgrubclub.com which may prove useful.

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