



Windlesham Information Letter

3rd September 2021

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All Year Groups

Car Boot Sale, 12th September, 10.30am

We are excited to be starting the term with a whole school event in the form of a car boot sale! Sellers will be charged £5 per car boot and all funds raised will go to buying outdoor table tennis tables and a poly tunnel. Obviously you get to keep the money from anything you sell, so why not have a summer clear out? Alternatively, come and grab yourself some bargains.

There will be tea, coffee and cakes, and friends and family are very welcome. If you would like to book a boot, please email aevans@windlesham.com or leave your name and £5 at the front office. If you would rather just donate second hand items for us to sell, that's also great, please leave them in the front hall FAO Alex Evans.

First Day Timings

All pupils (day and boarding) in years 7 and 8 will be required to complete a covid test in school on Wednesday 8th September. **Returning pupils** should be dropped off at the front of school and walk down to the MFT for testing. Parents, guardians and taxis should continue round to the Pre-Prep carpark where pupils will join you to wait for their results. **New parents** should park at the front of school and accompany your children to the Malden Family Theatre (MFT) for their tests.

On receipt of a negative test result, pupils will be assisted with their luggage up to dorms. If any pupil returns a positive result, they must return home to complete their isolation period.

In order for the school medical team to carry out the tests please complete a consent form and bring it with you on the first day, or scan and email a copy to medicent@windlesham.com

Wednesday 8th September arrival times

3:00pm	Pupils	Covid Testing: Year 7 pupils in ASP and JS forms
3:30pm	Pupils	Covid Testing: Year 7 pupils in SMC and JCS forms
4:00pm	New Pupils	Covid Testing: New boarders in Years 7 & 8
4:00pm	Pupils	Covid Testing: Year 8 pupils in EMS and JF
4:30pm	Pupils	Covid Testing: Year 8 pupils in NP and AW
4:30pm	New Pupils	New boarders in Years 3 - 6 (no covid test required)
5:00pm	Parents	Year 8 parents Welcome Meeting in the MFT
5:00pm	Pupils	Years 3 - 8 boarders activity line up
6:00pm	Pupils	Supper

Parents are welcome to accompany their children into the boarding house but we would be grateful if you could wear a face mask and use hand sanitizer on arrival. **Pupils can arrive in home clothes.**

Thursday 9th September arrival times

8:10am	Pupils	Returning day children arrive (Pre-Prep - Year 8) Registration begins at 8:15am
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8:30am New Pupils & Parents New children arrive and come to the Theatre (MFT)
Tours for new parents if you wish
Parking for new parents: Parking will be available at the front of school

Pick up times and locations can be found in the individual year book guides which are held on the new Parent Portal [here](#).

Information Evenings

Please can we remind you about the following information evenings:

Wednesday 8th September 17:00 - 18:00 Year 8

Thursday 9th September 18:00 - 19:00, Pre-Prep

Thursday 9th September 19:00 - 20:00, Year 5 and 6

Friday 10th September 18:00 - 19:00, Pre-Prep

Friday 10th September 19:00 - 20:00, Year 7

Monday 13th September 19:00 - 20:00, Year 3 and 4

If you would like us to supervise your children and take them to supper or if you would like to pick them up at 4.30pm before the information evening, please email whsoffice@windlesham.com.

Mouthguards/Gum Shields

Pupils who are in Years 3-8 in September will require **mouthguards** next term. You can either return to school with any appropriate mouthguard or alternatively you can purchase a dentist fitted mouthguard through the school. The cost will be included in the termly fees invoice from the school at a cost of £39. Your child will be able to choose a colour on the day of the fitting. If you would like to sign your child up for a mouthguard fitting please complete the form here: [Mouth Guard Consent Form](#)

Accessing School Information - Parent Portal

We have launched our new **parent portal**. You do not need login details to access this area of the website. You will find lots of helpful information on our parent portal so please take time to look around [here](#).

Dress Code, Water Bottles and Stationery

All children must return with a named water bottle.

Please can we remind you that there is a dress code that we expect pupils to adhere to. The full list can be found [here](#). In particular please note that pupils in Years 3 - 8 are required to have a **Windlesham Coat and Windlesham waterproof trousers**, these are for trips and wet breaks. Please email aevans@windlesham.com about second hand uniform or Mrs Tatchell in the uniform shop for new uniform windleshamclothing@gmail.com including the **new Windlesham School jumpers**.

We will also have **stationery** on sale in the second hand uniform shop [Stationery List](#). Please email aevans@windlesham.com.

Music Lessons

There is still time to sign up for music lessons, and we are having a real push on woodwind and brass instruments this year, so please do contact our Director of Music Richard Fitt (rfitt@windlehsam.com) for more information.

Activities

Please ensure that ahead of term starting, you have selected your child's activities for the autumn term. You can find details of both the [Pre-Prep](#) and [Prep School](#) activities on the Parent Portal under the co-curricular section: <https://portal.windlesham.com/>. If you are new to Windlesham and do not know what to do please rest assured that the form teachers will help with this on the first day of term.

Long Weekend, Exeat

On 24th September (long weekend), we will be offering activities for those children who wish to stay until 5.30pm through our GEMS (Pre-Prep) and WACA (Prep) holiday clubs). If you would like to book a place please email Gems@windlesham.com for pre-prep and holidays@windlesham.com. It will be £20 per session.

Learning Development

If your child was seen by a member of the Learning Development Department last year, then you should have already received a reviewed IEP for last term. During the next couple of weeks in consultation with form tutors, subject teachers and Phase leaders, a member of the LD Department will be in contact to discuss provision for your child this year and set new targets to work on during the Autumn term. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Melissa Jordan mjordan@windlesham.com.

Clothes Recycling

I am very pleased to report that we have already raised £43 from clothes recycling. If you have any old clothes to recycle there is a big green bin just up the steps near the arch as you drive around the back of the school. If you are not sure where that is please feel free to leave shoes and clothes for recycling at the front office or Pre-Prep hall FAO Alex Evans. Thank you.

Pre Prep

Year 2, Forest School

Year 2 have forest school on the first day of term so they will need to bring forest school kit in with them please.

Water Bottles

Please can all children return to school with a named water bottle.

Reception - Year 4: Forest School Kit

As you will be aware, all children from Reception to Year 4 will be taking part in weekly forest school sessions this year. In order to take part comfortably and safely for the autumn term, this is just a reminder that they must have the following kit in school:

- A long sleeve t shirt to protect from stings, scratches or sunburn
- A warm jumper or tracksuit top
- Outdoor trousers (showerproof) OR tracksuit bottoms and waterproof trousers. Shorts are not acceptable.
- A warm, waterproof coat
- Gloves

- A winter hat, preferably with no dangly bits that can get caught on branches or fall in the fire!
- Protective footwear such as wellies or walking boots. Trainers are not acceptable for forest school
- A spare pair of warm, thick socks.

Before each session, I will ensure that children receive a message to help them decide what to wear for the session, depending on the weather.

Spare outdoor clothing: If you have any outgrown items as listed above, please send them into school for me to collect as I'm sure they will come in handy!

Prep School

Weekend Plans, Year 3 - 8

As you are aware attendance at school on Saturday mornings is optional, however we now have a very exciting programme - the Windlesham Challenge for Year 3-6 and the Windlesham Diploma for Year 7-8, and we are very happy for Year 3 pupils to attend should you wish. Details of the content of the session will be sent to you in a separate document but timings will remain the same as last year:

Registration 8.40am

Collection 12.15pm

Saturday afternoons will often be matches, training sessions or inter-house events. Matches are listed in the calendar and further details and teams will be shared via the misocs app. (For those of you not familiar with this, we will provide guidance on how to access it next week).

You may opt in and out of the Challenge and Diploma but to allow us to plan better we would be grateful if you could let us know what you think your 'usual plan' will be for each weekend **by completing this form:** [Regular Weekend Plans Form](#). We hope that this will avoid you needing to complete a weekend form each week but will still allow us to plan properly and keep fire registers up to date, which as I am sure you appreciate, is critical.

Football and Hockey/Netball Training

There will be training for all pupils in Year 3-8 on Saturday 11th September from 1.15 - 3.15pm. We do hope that as many children as possible can attend and really get the season off to a flying start. Parents are welcome to come along and watch (but please don't coach from the sidelines).

French Trip - POSTPONED

Unfortunately, guidance from the French Government has meant that the Chateau are currently unable to confirm whether they will be able to open for the originally planned dates. To avoid any late disappointment, we are postponing the trip until 25th April 2022. Further details about the trip will be published early in the Spring term.

Future Schools Information

This section provides updates received from senior schools that may be relevant to either the scholarship application process or school registration processes.

Scholarships

The application deadline for **Charterhouse** sport scholarship and exhibition (13+) for 2022 has been brought forward to the earlier date of **Wednesday 13th September 2021**. If you are interested in applying for the sport scholarship at Charterhouse, please contact Pippa Sutcliffe directly so that we can support you as needed through the application process. Please email Pippa at psutcliffe@windlesham.com

Senior schools - Registration Information

Brighton College have now confirmed their registration deadlines for pupils wishing to apply for both 2023 and 2024 entry. If you have any questions about the registration process, we would suggest that you contact the admissions team at Brighton College in the first instance:

admissions@brightoncollege.net

13+ 2023 Entry - Deadline for registrations is Friday 3rd September 2021

13+ 2024 Entry - Deadline for registrations is Friday 1st October 2021

Please remember to keep Windlesham informed of your senior school choices in order that we can prepare any supporting documents which may be requested.