



Worple Primary School

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A warm welcome

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to welcome you and your family to our happy, caring and vibrant school. Our strong ethos and vision, focused on developing our core values of 'challenge', 'motivation', 'integrity', 'resilience' and 'curiosity' are the bedrock to all of the learning and opportunities that your child will experience whilst in our community over the coming years. Joining the 'Early Years', is only just the beginning!

The first steps in your son/daughter's life are critical and we are committed to instilling a passion for learning and a commitment to developing new skills and experiences for all of our children here at Worple. We are dedicated to looking after your child and ensuring that socially and emotionally they are flourishing, as well as learning how to begin to shape their own independence.

There will be a continued focus on supporting others, showing care and kindness, and learning how to build those important trusting relationships with other children and adults. We are a small school which puts us in the unique position of knowing our children and their families very well, enabling us to help develop your son/daughter as an individual, nurturing their strengths, as well as supporting them with any challenges which they may face.

In joining Worple, you have not just joined a school, you have joined a strong and committed school community. We have a very active PTA (Parent Teacher association), and a number of events are hosted across the school year, by school staff and the PTA to ensure that you become part of this community and experience the 'specialness' of our little school. Additionally, our committed and experienced staff team will support you in getting to know the school and ensuring that you feel part of our community.

We know that you will be happy here and look forward to meeting with you and your son/daughter soon. Today is the beginning of a new journey, we are excited that we will be sharing this journey with you.

With best wishes,

*Marais Leenders
Executive Headteacher*



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Our vision & values

At Worple we aim to be the best we can as members of a safe, happy and exciting community.

Our 5 core values are the vein that runs through our school and our curriculum:

-  Challenge
-  Motivation
-  Integrity
-  Resilience
-  Curiosity

Our values support our children in being happy and self-confident individuals with strong morals and a 'can do' attitude. Our pupils are encouraged to respect the rights of others, aspire for success, aim for excellence and achieve their full potential.

At Worple...

- *We believe in ourselves.*
- *We have the confidence to try new things.*
- *We love to learn.*
- *We care for each other and the environment.*
- *We are ready for the future.*

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Admissions

If you would like your child to join Worple Primary School please come and visit the school and have a look around. Children can take up a free, part time Nursery place from the September before their fourth birthday. In order to apply for a Nursery place, contact the school office for an application form.

From the September before their 5th birthday children can begin Reception class. Application forms are available online from the LA e-admissions website; applications will be considered according to the Admissions Criteria which is published in the "Starting school in Hounslow" booklet.

For in-year admissions - please contact Hounslow Council.

School Admissions

Children's Services & Lifelong Learning

Civic Centre

Lampton Road

Hounslow TW3 4DN

E-mail: admissions@hounslow.gov.uk

Telephone: 020 8583 2721

School Council

We have an established School Council that meets regularly to discuss a variety of issues linked to the school. School Council also undertakes projects to raise funds for local charities.

Times of the School Day

The school day at Worple starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm for all children from Reception to Year 6.

Nursery children attend morning sessions starting from 8:45am to 11:45pm.

Collection, drop off and absence

Gates open at 8:30am and close at 8:50am, please do not arrive after this time or your child will be marked down as late. We are very vigilant about who your child goes home with at the end of the school day. Please tell us at the home visit who might be dropping or collecting your child. If this changes for a regular day or a one off, please let us know. We will not let your child go home with someone you have not authorised. The Nursery collection time is 11:45pm and Reception collection time is 3:15pm.

Attendance is vital for your child to access the education to which they are entitled. This is as important in the Early Years as in any other school year. However, we do appreciate that young children are vulnerable and their immune systems are still developing. If your child is absent, please telephone the school office on the morning of each day of absence, before 9:00am. We ask that you avoid booking medical appointments and holidays during school time. At Worple we monitor attendance rigorously. Your child's place may be at risk if attendance drops to a low level.

School Organisation

There is one class in each year group with 30 places in each class from Reception to Year 6. We have 16 places in our Nursery class. Reception and Nursery classes work together for much of the morning as an Early Years Unit.

Inclusion

All children are entitled to follow a broad and balanced curriculum. If children have any particular needs, support plans will be put in place to assist them.

Social Communication Cluster

We have a Social Communication Cluster that is attached to our Reception Class. This is designed for two children to attend that have difficulties with Social Communication needs and may also be on the ASD pathway. It is for children that need a more structured routine but are also able to engage with parts of the mainstream curriculum. In order to access the Cluster, Parents can request to the SEN Team at Hounslow that they would like their child to attend. The placement is for the whole of Reception Year.

Equal Opportunities

All children have equal access and entitlement to the curriculum which is reflected in an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding. We do not discriminate in terms of race, creed, ability, disability or gender and support the development of each child's personal and cultural identity.

More able pupils

Children who are considered more able or have a specific talent are identified by pupil data and teacher observations. These children will then have their needs met through additional challenge/questioning/enrichment in the classroom or added enrichment outside school through debating, competitive sport or other projects.

Special Education Needs & Disability (SEND)

Children with SEND are identified and assessed regularly by the class teacher and the SEND Co-ordinator (SENDCO) so that needs can be met, monitored and resourced.

At Worple we strive to support all our children enabling them to be the best they can be at school. Our aim is to remove barriers to learning and work to their strengths. All children are valued, respected and equal members of the school community. For some children however, there may be times when they need additional support on their journey.

For students who fall within the areas of special needs, they may need further support or specialist provision with the general curriculum. The areas of SEND are:

- Cognition and Learning needs
- Communication and Interaction needs
- Sensory/Physical needs
- Behaviour, Emotional & Social Needs
- Medical needs

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Curriculum

We provide a broad, balanced and effective education set within the context of the National Curriculum and the school's own curriculum. You can view each year groups' curriculum on our website.

Literacy

The development of children's language is crucial to their success across the curriculum. We want all our children to be able to speak clearly and with confidence and to develop a love of reading and writing. A sound grasp of these skills will enable children to make good progress in all other areas of the curriculum.

Mathematics

Mathematics teaching is based on the National Curriculum. We try to ensure that maths is enjoyable and that children develop the understanding needed to use maths with confidence.

Science

Through the teaching of science, we encourage an interest and an understanding of our world. There are four main areas of work in science: scientific investigation, life and living processes, materials and their properties, and physical processes. We encourage children to make observations and comparisons, to test their own ideas, consider evidence and provide their own possible solutions to problems. Science is as much to do with the way we find out as what we find out.

ICT

ICT skills are taught in each year and progress as children move through the school. Children use ICT to enhance learning activities. Internet access in the school is closely controlled and filtered. Advice on e-safety is an integral part of the curriculum.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is important to make sure your child gets to school on time. Children need to develop positive patterns of attendance and punctuality in order to have the best chance of making good educational progress. This is very clear from our own results, where children who attend every day are always the highest achievers.

Learning starts as soon as the children enter the classrooms in the mornings. Arriving late can be disruptive for your child and other children in the class and have a detrimental effect on your child's education.

Parents do not have a legal right to take children out of school during the school term. Term time leave is classed as an unauthorised absence, except in exceptional circumstances. Wherever possible you should take any leave during school holidays. Where this is unavoidable, a request should be made to the Headteacher in writing. Attendance and all absences are monitored closely by the Local Authority who can fine parents for the non-attendance of their children.

Please make sure that we always have your current home, mobile & work telephone numbers. We also need the names and telephone numbers of a relative or friend who can be contacted in an emergency should we be unable to contact you.

Communication

We send out weekly newsletters where our Executive Head or Head of School writes a weekly message. These newsletters also include any important information and key dates. We also update our school website regularly with relevant and important information. All other information, including email reminders and texts are communicated with parents via Arbor.

Medical Appointments

If your child has a dental, doctor or hospital appointment, please let us have a copy of the appointment card or letter. Where possible do try and make appointments out of school hours / during the school holidays.

School Meals

These are all made with fresh ingredients and provide the children with a nutritious, healthy and hot meal during the day.

Children have their lunch in the hall and are supervised during the lunch break by our School Meals Supervisory Assistants (SMSAs). Families on Income support will be entitled to free school meals. All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals under the government's Universal Free School Meals incentive. When your child joins our school, you will be given a registration letter with a password so that you can log onto Arbor. Meals need to be ordered online at Arbor two weeks in advance.

Packed lunches

Children may bring a packed lunch to school instead of having school meals. Please make sure there are no nuts, cans, glass bottles, chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks included. Infant children do not bring packed lunches.

Food/drink

We encourage healthy eating in school; children have a piece of fruit or a vegetable each day as a healthy snack.

Children must have a named water bottle in school with them every day. These bottles will be sent home regularly to be cleaned and brought back. Children can fill up their water bottles in school. Please do not send anything other than water in these bottles.

Pastoral care and support

It is important to us that your child feels happy and safe at school, so they are able to thrive from the moment they join us. We know that for some children and families, starting school can be an enormous challenge and we have a highly skilled and dedicated team at Worple, who can support you and your child during this time and throughout their time in School. We have a member of staff in School who is a trained Mental Health Practitioner and we are an active member of the 'Trauma informed Schools' organisation. The wellbeing of your child is paramount to us, as we know it will be to you as the child's family.

Accidents and Illness

Children are very well supervised throughout the day and we do take great care of your child.

However, accidents do happen from time to time and our trained first aiders will take good care of all children should this happen.

Children should not be sent to school if they are feeling unwell. If your child becomes unwell during the school day you will be contacted and asked to collect your child.

Medicines

The school will administer medicines that treat a child's long-term conditions, such as asthma, as long as parents have completed a health care plan. Where possible, medication should be administered at home. If this is not possible and a child needs to have medicine during school hours, ideally a parent/carer or appropriate adult will need to come into school and administer the medicine. Charmaine Ross at Worple Primary School will agree to give medication (**prescription only**) to a child in school with a parent's written consent and a completed Care Plan. Medication must **not** be sent into school via a pupil, an adult must bring it in with verbal and written instructions. For more information please see our First Aid and Medicine policy.

Infectious Diseases

Please inform us if your child gets an infectious disease like measles, mumps or chickenpox. We can then let other parents know to look out for the symptoms.

School uniform & PE kit

The school uniform at Worple Primary School consists of the following:

School Uniform List

There is a school uniform at Worple Primary School that consists of the following:

- Purple sweatshirt or cardigan with embroidered school logo* (*required*)
- Purple book bag with school logo*
- Plain white Polo shirt (Long or short sleeved)
- Black shorts or trousers
- Black pinafore or skirt
- Purple and white checked summer dress
- Plain grey or white socks (not over the knee) or plain grey tights
- Dark ankle socks with trousers

Items marked with a * can be purchased from School Days & Dancing shop in Whitton High Street, or online on their website. All other items can be purchased from any school uniform shop and most supermarkets. Please note, skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows sitting comfortably on the floor. When shorts are worn, they should also be of an appropriate length.

Clubs

PE. Uniform List

The P.E School uniform consists of the following:

- Purple School badged P.E. Polo Shirt* (*required*)
- Black shadow stripe shorts (NOT cycling shorts)
- Purple sports socks*
- Plain black trainers or plimsolls
- Plain black jogging bottoms
- Black long sleeve sports underlayer (optional)

All Worplesham Uniform and PE kit can be purchased from:

*School Days & Just Dancing,
94 High Street,
Whitton,
Twickenham
TW2 7LN.*

<https://schooldaysllp.co.uk/>



There are a variety of clubs offered after school, these are variable with the seasons. These clubs are offered from 3:20-4:20pm. These may include street dance, cookery, arts and Multisports. Little Crumpets is a local childcare wrap around service which offers a breakfast club before school and after school provision. For more information on Little Crumpets please check their website below:

hello@littlecrumpets.co.uk

Telephone: 07958262295

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