



West Park Academy Family Support Newsletter November 2024



School Uniform

We want everyone to feel a part of the Academy and wearing uniform is a big part of our identity.

- * Grey or black trousers, pinafore or skirt
- * Yellow or purple polo shirt
- * Green sweatshirt or cardigan
- * Flat shoes, preferably black

In summer, grey shorts may be worn, or a green, yellow or purple gingham dress.

Each child also needs:

A school reading folder or small bag PE Kit Requirements.

PE is a compulsory subject in school. Please provide your child with a sensible PE kit. This kit should preferably be in the school colours and not branded.

The kit must consist of the following items:

- *Yellow/purple or plain white t-shirt
- *Black/green shorts
- *Plimsolls
- *Trainers
- *Jogging bottoms/track suit for outdoor use and for the cold weather.

Jewellery:

We welcome your co-operation with this matter. For safety reasons the rule of the school is that no jewellery is worn. If you insist on your child wearing earrings, only 'stud' type earrings will be allowed. It is our policy that no jewellery is worn for P.E. which means earrings must be removed for all lessons including swimming. If it is not possible to remove your child's earrings for P.E. please provide your child with a sticking plaster to cover their earrings.

Children are allowed to wear a watch but not a smart watch due to safeguarding.

Absence and Requests for Absence

The morning bell rings at 8.45am, all children need to be in class for registration at this time. School gates will be closing at 8.55am from November 2024. Any child coming into school after this time, must go to the school office and give a reason, as to why they are late and will receive a late mark.

Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium

Are you eligible for Free School Meals?... Have your circumstances changed?

If you would like to check your eligibility, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

Both school and your child will benefit. School receives extra funding, so it is really important to us all.

Odd Sock Day

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Children can wear odd socks on the **12th November 2024**.

Christmas Fayre

Please come and join us on the 18th December 2024, 2.00pm – 4.30pm, for our Christmas Fayre.

If you would like to donate or support in anyway, please contact Mrs Conroy.



Term Dates

Please check the school website as there was a slight discrepancy regarding the last day in school before the Christmas holiday. School is **open** on Friday 20th December 2024, closing at normal time of 3:30pm.

Children will return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 8:45am.

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SEN Support

Through the Parent carer (of children and young people aged 0-25years), they are offering free training and information sessions:

*Anxiety

*Understanding why children might be anxious about school

*Emotional well-being
Understanding sleep

Understanding behaviour development in children and young people

Tewv.countydurhamcamhstraining@nhs.net

Darlington Connect

Darlington Connect is a partnership of organisations who have come together to help the people of Darlington.

We provide help such as:

- Access to health and wellbeing services
- Referrals into a range of specialist support agencies
- Cost of living information
- Community engagement

If you are struggling at the moment with any problem, you are not alone. Coordinated support is available for any difficulty you are experiencing.



Opening times
Mon - Fri
9am to 3.30pm
6, Northgate
(opposite the Peace Statue)

Call us on 01325 639507
Email: darlingtonconnect1@gmail.com
Search for us on Facebook or pop in for further details

Financial Wellness Open Event

Friday 8th November
at Darlington Connect
11am - 2pm

With the current cost-of-living pressures, it's more important than ever that we get support for money worries.

Come along to our **FREE** event which will host a variety of Finance and Mental Health organisations including support services and much more.

No booking is necessary.

Refreshments will be available.

For further information, please get in touch!



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(Next to Costa Coffee
in the Town Centre)

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If you would like any further information regarding the above please contact: Mrs L Conroy on l.conroy@westparkacademy.org.uk or the school office on 01325 380792.