

NEW WOODLANDS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have now reached the end of the academic year, and I would like to thank you for supporting the children at New Woodlands School. Your commitment to your child's education is essential to their continued success and, for that, we as a staff team are truly grateful.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to visit our school website, where you will find information about the enrichment activities and learning opportunities that have taken place both in and out of the classroom throughout this academic year. These experiences have broadened our students' horizons and enhanced their educational journey for example: World Cup Activities, International morning – where students learned about different cultures from around the continent, and Mandela class - water Sports experience at Danson Park.

Please take time to browse through the photo galleries, which are an important part of school life at New Woodlands. We encourage you to share these memories with your child and celebrate their accomplishments.

In September, we will send all parents our revised Behaviour and Attendance Policies. We would welcome your feedback and encourage you to share your views with us.

We are excited to welcome our new catering company “Taylor Shaw” who will be providing onsite meals for our students. We have sent the new menu and information to parents. Please ensure you look at these with your children.

Attendance

Looking ahead to the next academic year, I would like to emphasise the importance of regular attendance and punctuality. Consistent attendance and arriving on time significantly contribute to a student's academic progress and overall wellbeing.

We kindly request your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives promptly each day so that valuable learning experiences are not missed. Together, we can create an environment that values good attendance and punctuality and instils a strong work ethic in our students.

All students should aim to achieve **95% attendance** next academic year. The Government's *Moments Matter, Attendance Counts* campaign remains at the heart of our efforts to encourage good attendance and punctuality. Information and posters can be found on our website.

Academic Review Days

Academic Review Day will continue to take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. It is essential that these face-to-face meetings take place, so please add the following dates to your diaries in advance.

- Tuesday 20 October 2026
- Wednesday 16 December 2026
- Thursday 11 February 2027
- Tuesday 23 March 2027
- Wednesday 26 May 2027
- Thursday 15 July 2027

New Tutor Groups

Students have now been allocated to new tutor groups and new staffing. I will be asking tutors to email the parents and carers in their tutor groups when they return in September. This will ensure that lines of communication remain open.

Please see a list of tutors' emails below:

Holly Kempster – Curie – h.kempster@newwoodlands.lewisham.sch.uk

Zephaniah – Lance Joseph - l.joseph@newwoodlands.lewisham.sch.uk

Farah – Janet Parker – j.parker@newwoodlands.lewisham.sch.uk

Edison – Mark Hollidge – m.hollidge@newwoodlands.lewisham.sch.uk

Owens – Claire McSweeney – c.mcsweeney@newwoodlands.lewisham.sch.uk

The Nest – Kayley Palmer – k.palmer@newwoodlands.lewisham.sch.uk

Mandela – Jerome Richards – j.richards@newwoodlands.lewisham.sch.uk

SF - Suzanne Fairbrass – sfairbrass.209@newwoodlands.lewisham.sch.uk

RG - Rebecca Glover – r.glover@newwoodlands.lewisham.sch.uk

LH - Lisa Hutton – l.hutton@newwoodlands.lewisham.sch.uk

AN - Angie Nguyen - anguyen14.209@newwoodlands.lewisham.sch.uk

DL - Daniel Loughnane – d.loughnane@newwoodlandslewisham.sch.uk

SA - Sophie Ashton – s.ashton@newwoodlands.lewisham.sch.uk

AA - Anthony Andre - a.andre@newwoodlands.lewisham.sch.uk

Please remember that we also operate an open-door policy. If you need to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team, please come into school and we will ensure that someone is available to meet with you.

Uniform

It is essential that all students wear the correct school uniform.

Key Stages 1 and 2

- Plain black or grey trousers or tracksuit bottoms

- Black shoes or trainers
- White polo shirt
- School jumper

Key Stages 3 and 4

- Plain black trousers or tracksuit bottoms
- White polo shirt
- Black shoes or trainers
- School jumper

We would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that your child follows the school's uniform policy.

INSET Days and Return to School

We have INSET Days on **2, 3 and 4 September 2026**.

All students will return to school on **Monday 7 September 2026**:

- KS1 and KS2: 8:45am
- KS3 and KS4: 8:50am

There will also be INSET Days on:

- Friday 23 October 2026
- Friday 12 February 2027

Year 6 Students

Well done to all year 6 who have completed their first part of their educational journey.

Year 10 Students

I want to say well done to our year 10 students who completed work experience. They work really hard and make the school really proud.

Year 11 Students

I would like to say a special goodbye to our Year 11 students. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and have watched them grow into mature young adults. We wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their educational journey.

Should any further support be needed, we are always here to help.

We are looking forward to celebrating with students on Results Day. Students must collect their certificates in person, as we are unable to post them. Please arrive at Reception at 10:00am.

Packed Lunches

I would like to remind parents and carers that, if your child brings a packed lunch to school, it should be healthy and nutritious. A packed lunch may include:

- A sandwich, roll, or wrap
- Fruit
- A cereal bar
- A packet of crisps

- A bottle of water

Staffing Updates

As we conclude this academic year, I would like to express my gratitude to our exceptional teaching and support staff for their dedication and commitment to our students' success. Their ongoing support has helped create a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for all our children.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to several Teaching Assistants who are moving on to new roles to further their careers:

- Nicole Braham and Tolu Ayeni from Curie
- Robert Borjal from Zephaniah
- Theo Omene – Owens
- Caleb Sarpong - Curie
- Joshua Stewart from CH Class

We thank them for their hard work and dedication and wish them every success in their future roles.

We also say goodbye to Ms Jane Gallant, who has been with us for six years, and Mandy Smith, our Office Manager, who has been with us for twenty-six years.

We wish them both a happy and fulfilling retirement and hope they will come back and visit us.

New Staff Member

We are delighted to welcome Suzanne Fairbrass, our new Food and Art Lead, who will be joining us in September. We look forward to working with her.

Mobile Phones

In line with government Guidelines students must hand their phones to staff at registration. Please can you discuss this with your children.

If these expectations are not followed, mobile phones will be confiscated. Parents or carers will be required to collect their child's phone from the school and attend a meeting with either myself, **Ms Tomlinson-Cole (Deputy Headteacher)**, or **Ms Birru (Assistant Headteacher)**.

These procedures have been introduced to ensure that all pupils remain safe, minimise distractions, and maintain a positive environment that supports learning.

We would also like to remind parents and carers that many social media platforms have minimum age requirements, including:

- **Snapchat** – minimum age of **13**
- **Facebook** – minimum age of **13**
- **Instagram** – minimum age of **13**
- **TikTok** – minimum age of **13**
- **WhatsApp** – minimum age of **13**

For information it is illegal for young people under the age restrictions listed above to use these platforms.

We strongly encourage parents and carers to monitor their child's use of mobile devices and social media. Please ensure that appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are enabled to help protect your child from online risks and to promote safe and responsible use of technology.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and productive learning environment for all pupils.

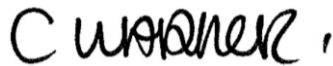
Final Message

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family a restful and rejuvenating summer break.

We look forward to welcoming our students back as we continue to inspire and empower them to reach their fullest potential.

Thank you for your continued trust, partnership, and involvement in our school community. Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of our students.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Warner," with a comma at the end.

Carlie Warner
Headteacher