



BADSWORTH
CofE School

CARE – Prepare – Believe
'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13

4th September, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



Firstly, a warm welcome back to everyone from, what I hope has been, a wonderful Summer break for you all. I would like to welcome our new families and Reception children to our school. It has been lovely to see all the children return to school.

School uniform, equipment and lunchtimes - The children have returned to school looking very smart and proud in their school uniforms. Please could you take the time to make sure your child's full name is included in all items of school uniform and their belongings. It is always surprising how quickly our lost property boxes get full of unnamed uniform. Each day, your child will need to bring their water bottle filled with still water only. We do not allow juice, fizzy drinks or flavoured water. Infant children will require their book bag daily. Children in Year 3 and 4 will also require their school reading books in school every day.

OPAL – A reminder that at playtimes and lunchtimes, the children have access to outdoor play equipment. This is available to the children in all weathers. Please do not send your children to school in expensive coats as there is a risk that they will get dirty or even damaged.



Adult Helpers – We are always appreciative of any help we receive in school and are always looking for more to support children with their learning. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the school office.



Parking – As we start the new school year, can I take this opportunity to remind you that we politely ask you not to park at the top of school on Church Road. Church Road is the road directly at the top of school, in front of the church. This is a private road and, due to children crossing, it is an unsafe place to park at the beginning and end of the school day. We also ask that you are respectful of residents of the village and are particularly respectful of driveways. The school bus has permission to block the entrance to Church Road both at the start and end of the school day to ensure a safer crossing for the school children.

Parent Handbook- I would urge all parents to take notice of the 2024-2025 information contained in our Parent Handbook which is available on our website (hard copies are available from the office on request) particularly in relation to absences, belongings, uniform requirements, jewellery, make-up, hairstyles, medication/health problems, use of photographic images etc.

Just a reminder, children are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school or wear any kind of SMART watches, this also includes FitBits.



Medication – Up-to-date information will be required for medication sent into school. Please see details in the Parent Handbook regarding medication in school. Please also ensure inhalers are in date. If your child no longer requires an inhaler, please put this in writing so our records can be kept up to date.

Safeguarding – Many people will be sharing 'back to school' photographs on social media.

Please remember:

- Hide/blur out the school logo
- Ensure only your child's face is in the photo
- Do not include personal details for example house numbers, school name, street names, etc

Some information you put in the caption may be more harmful than you know.

Help our children WalkSafe in Wakefield

Are you aware of WalkSafe+? It's a free app to give families peace of mind that our children are safe when out and about in the district.

Whether they're going to school, the shops or a friend's, there are safety features for every trip. They include:

- WalkSafe, so you can see their route and estimated arrival time
- HomeSafe, which will alert you if they haven't got home on time
- Safety Map, full of safe spaces your children can go if they're worried
- SOS button, to immediately alert you that they're in danger
- Community reporting, so they can avoid places that feel unsafe



We've partnered with WalkSafe to add local information to the app, so your children can get help at the touch of a button.

You can download WalkSafe onto [Apple](#) and [Android](#) smartphones. The app is location based, but you can remove permission to track your location at any time in your phone's settings.

[Visit our website](#) for more information about the app.

Safeguarding Policy - Our new safeguarding policy is now available on the school website. Our safeguarding team includes:

Mr Thomson, Mrs Parker, Miss Jenkins and myself. We have lots of information available on our school website for parents including useful resources or links.

Please remember that the door is always open and if you have any questions or concerns, please speak with your child's class teacher. I want to wish each child a happy start to the new school year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J. Griffiths

Headteacher



The Designated Senior Lead (DSL) for Safeguarding & Child Protection is the Headteacher, Jenny Griffiths, supported by the Deputy Headteacher Jake Thomson, Dominique Jenkins EYFS and KS1 Team Leader and the SENDCO Marie Parker.

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