



9th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to share that we have had an excellent start to term.

Pupils have come into school beautifully attired in our uniform and are settling in well. New staff are undergoing induction and learning activities are well underway.

Some updates and news for you:

Parent App:

Mrs. Rachel Kelleher will be launching our parent app later this month. Through a personalised app you and your child will have the opportunity to access school related information, such as homework, timetables and attendance information. Teachers and staff will be able to log in and upload information for you. We will also be offering drop in sessions for parents and carers so that you can understand how it works, dates to follow.

Attendance:

Pupils' attendance has been very good over the last week. Research recognises that:

- Pupils with the highest attendance have better social skills and are more confident with peers.
- Pupils with the highest attendance have better life chances, e.g. the ability to hold down a job in the future.
- Pupils with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.
- Pupils with the highest attendance in Y6 gain the best SATs results.

If a child misses one day a week for a year, that is equivalent to more than 7 weeks missing from the whole school year, this equates to half a term. So please keep ensuring that your child's attendance is working towards 95% or better. Pressure is on schools currently to ensure high attendance and we will be part of this drive.

Online uniform shop:

From Monday 2nd October, we are opening a uniform shop, which will be live on our website. Parents and carers are invited to order and pay for uniform online. However, the choice is yours, we will still accept email or telephone orders or you can use another supplier. Options are available for parents / carers who are struggling to buy uniform and kit, please talk to your child's class teacher.

West Kirby School and College

Meols Drive, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 5DH

President: Anthony Shone, DL **Principal:** Sian Thomas, BA Hons, QTS, NPQH

T: 0151 632 3201 F: 0151 632 0621 Email: schooloffice@wksr.co.uk Twitter: [@westkirbyschool](https://twitter.com/westkirbyschool)

www.wksr.co.uk

Registered charity No.207790

A company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Act, London No.200018. Registered office as above.



Staff and Charity changes:

I am very pleased to announce that, following two years of strategic planning, the Charity which runs WKS is opening a new school for primary aged pupils with SEND in Lydiate, Sefton. The school will be called Acre View Primary School and will be opening in spring 2024. I can share with you that Mrs. Liz Wynne, previously the Head of Primary and Deputy Head Teacher in charge of Quality of Education, has been appointed as the Head Teacher of Acre View. As such, we have welcomed a new member of staff who has taken over Mrs Wynne's role, his name is Mr Dan Flanagan. Mr Flanagan is a primary trained teacher, who comes to us with a wide background and knowledge of SEND. He has previously worked in mainstream and special schools and has led on the curriculum in other schools. We warmly welcome him onto the team here at WKS.

Mr Flanagan says:

"It is a pleasure to introduce myself as the new Deputy Headteacher and Head of Primary at West Kirby School. Myself and Mrs Wynne have worked closely over the last few weeks to ensure the excellent progress she has embedded continues. I have been delighted to be able to introduce myself in person to some of you during morning drop off / afternoon collection; and I look forward to working with all of you through your child's time at WKS."

Parents' evenings will take place over the year, but if you would like to have a conversation about your child at any point please get in contact with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

In the meanwhile, the team will continue to offer the best possible support for your child. I look forward to working with you all."

Thank you for helping your child to start this school year off successfully. We look forward to an enterprising and enriching autumn term!

Kind regards

Sian Thomas

Principal/CEO

West Kirby School and College

Meols Drive, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 5DH

President: Anthony Shone, DL Principal: Sian Thomas, BA Hons, QTS, NPQH

T: 0151 632 3201 F: 0151 632 0621 Email: schooloffice@wksr.co.uk Twitter: [@westkirbyschool](https://twitter.com/westkirbyschool)

www.wksr.co.uk

Registered charity No.207790

A company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Act, London No.200018. Registered office as above.

