

Wellfield Middle

Welcome Pack



Dear Pupils,

Welcome to Wellfield. I am very excited about working with you in the near future and welcoming you to our school community. There are many amazing opportunities for all of our children here and we are looking forward to sharing them with you.

Mrs Winter
Headteacher

Useful Information

Times of Day

Key Stage 2 (Year 5 & 6)	
8.30 am	Gates Open
8.40 am	Bell and Registration
3.15pm	Finish
Key Stage 3 (Year 7 & 8)	
8.50 am	Gates Open
8.55 am	Bell and Registration
3.25pm	Finish

Attendance / Absence

If your child is absent, please text the school via school gateway or ring school (option 1) on the first day, informing us of when you expect them to return. Details of any hospital/dental appointments must be provided.

Leave of Absence requests Please email the school with details. Please note holidays taken during term time are not authorised and may be subject to a fine.

Late arrivals - Children must report to the main office..

Transition Days

July 5th and 6th 2022 - Further information will be communicated.

School Holidays

Holiday	School breaks up	Return to school
Autumn term 2022		Monday 5 September 2022
Autumn half term 2022	Friday 21 October 2022	Monday 31 October 2022
Christmas 2022	Friday 23 December 2022	Monday 9 January 2023
Spring half term 2023	Friday 17 February 2023	Monday 27 February 2023
Easter 2023	Friday 31 March 2023	Monday 17 April 2023
Summer half term 2023	Friday 26 May 2023	Monday 5 June 2023
Summer 2023	Friday 21 July 2023	Tuesday 5th September 2023
Teacher Training Days: Monday 4th September, Further Dates to be confirmed		

Peripatetic Music Lessons

We offer music lessons in the following instruments: Keyboard, violin, recorder, guitar and brass.

More information will be provided in September.

School Meals

Payments for school meals are made directly to North Tyneside Catering Services using the Parent Pay app. They will provide more information on how to use the app at a later date.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be eligible for Free School Meals, for more information please complete the form in the Admission Forms pack.

Healthy Food and Water Bottles

As a school we encourage healthy food for break times, such as fruit. Pupils can bring Sports style plastic bottles to school containing water. Water fountains are available to refill the bottles during the day.

Medication in school

Legally the school cannot be in possession of, or administer, un-prescribed medication. We are able to accept inhalers, adrenaline auto-injectors and medication in relation to a specific condition. **The Medical Form within your admission pack must be completed to administer any medication.** Please note, any medication sent into school must be clearly labelled with the child's name and dosage details in the original container provided by the pharmacist under medical instruction. Such medication must remain in the school office.

After School Club

School's Out operates an after school club in our dining hall. This is an independently operated business which can be contacted on 0191 252 5944.

Uniform

Boys

- Dark grey tailored trousers
- White shirt
- School tie
- Maroon jumper with logo
- Black shoes in a sensible style must be worn
- **(no trainers)**

Girls

- Dark grey tailored trousers
- Dark grey skirt
- White shirt
- School tie
- Maroon jumper with logo
- Black shoes of a sensible style must be worn
- **(no trainers)**

Boys' and Girls' PE Kit

- Plain white polo shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Maroon sweat top with logo (optional)
- Trainers (indoor use)
- White short socks
- Full length or three quarter black/grey leggings (must be appropriate for sport use, no normal leggings or tights). Leggings can have a brand name/symbol i.e. Nike but no writing/slogan i.e. 'just do it')

Jumpers and PE Sweatshirts must be purchased from **Emblematic**, details are on the school website.

School ties can also be purchased from Emblematic or directly from the school £3.00

School uniform / PE/Coats should all be clearly named so that lost items can be returned to your child.

Please note the following are not allowed: Fashion shoes, boots, canvas shoes, coloured fashion belts, make up, nail varnish, jewellery including Earrings (apart from one stud), trainers (except for PE), leggings, skinny jean type trousers, extreme hair styles; Only natural hair colours and design. It is important to check with school if you are unsure regarding 'extreme' hairstyles.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Enrichment

We have an amazing, exciting enrichment programme offered throughout your time in Wellfield. We encourage all pupils to participate and nobody is left behind. *Some of what you have to look forward to*

Trips

- **Year 5 - Robinwood**
- **Year 6 - High Borrans**
- **Year 7 - Germany/France**
- **Year 8 - Skiing**



School Communication

Schooigateway

We kindly ask all parents to download the School Gateway app. This app allows us to communicate efficiently with parents via text and emails. Trips / events / clubs will also appear in this app including the facility to make payments. You will be asked to register as a new user, inputting your email and mobile number. Please download the app by the 30th June as we will be communicating with you over the summer. If your mobile number or email changes, please contact the school as you will be unable to receive communication from us.

Getting Started

Activating your School Gateway account is quick and easy to do. Have ready the email address and mobile number that the school currently use to contact you.

Downloading the app:

Please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). It will ask you to enter your email address and phone number. A pin is then sent to your phone, which you will use to activate your account.

For those parents without a smartphone, **you can visit the website:**

www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. Enter your email address and mobile phone number and you'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to log into School Gateway.

Newsletter

Parents will receive a general newsletter each half term, this is distributed via text/ School Gateway.

School Website

We have lots of useful information on our website. Be sure to visit the transition pages.

Clubs

Clubs are run throughout the school year, during and after school. You will be notified of these and all information will appear in your School Gateway.

Payments

All payments to school are made via our Schoolcomms app, we do not take any cash payments into the school office.

School Trips

For local school trips and sporting events, we will ask you to give permission once in the Admission forms within your pack. You will be notified of any trips / events before they happen and given the option to opt out via the schoolcomms app.

Planner

Your child will receive a school planner when they start school

Pupil / Service Premium

The list of categories of eligible children is written in rather complicated language, now extending to the following:

- Those children who are on Free School Meals, or who have ever been on Free School meals in the last 6 years
- Children whose parent is serving in HM Forces, or is retired on a pension from the Ministry of Defense
- Those who were adopted from care (thereby ceasing to be looked after children);
- Those who ceased to be looked after through a Special Guardianship Order (SGO);
- Those who ceased to be looked after through Residence Order (RO);
- Those who ceased to be looked after through a Child Arrangement Order (CAO)

Schools have been instructed to write to parents in order to gather this information. Therefore, if your child falls into any of these categories and you wish to self-declare this fact, we will be able to claim a Pupil Premium / Service Premium grant. If you do self-declare, please contact the school office at admin@wellfieldmiddleschool.org.uk and we will provide the necessary documentation for you to complete.

One to One iPad scheme



Wellfield Middle School operates a 1-1 iPad scheme, which means that we ensure every child has access to their own personal iPad, either through our lease scheme, bringing their own iPad into school or via a school owned iPad. The leasing scheme has been very popular, with over 90% of our students using a personal iPad.

Nobody is left out in the school scheme and if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals we can offer support.

Parents / Carers can choose from 3 options for their child's iPad. The prices listed below are for last year, but this year's prices should be inline. Ordering won't take place until September at which point we will have the exact prices available for you.

If you have any questions about the scheme please email our ICT Technician bev.stephenson@wellfieldmiddleschool.org.uk who will be happy to discuss the options with you.

No decisions need to be made at this time, we will be taking orders and asking for your preferred option in September, with expected delivery of the iPads in early October.

More information about our iPad scheme, including slides and a video can be found on our website.

<https://www.wellfieldmiddleschool.org.uk/ipad-leasing-scheme/>

Order an iPad through school

Last year we offered 3 models, we would expect these to remain the same for this year. These are last year's prices as a guideline.

2020 iPad 32GB WiFi, case and warranty

£13.80 per month for 36 months
£455.18 for a one off payment

2020 iPad 128GB, WiFi, case and warranty

£16.27 per month for 36 months
£555.02 for a one off payment.

2019 iPad mini 64GB, WiFi, case & warranty

£16.55 per month for 36 months
£554.96 for a one off payment.

Provide your own iPad

If your family already owns an iPad, or you would prefer to purchase one directly, then your child is welcome to bring that into school, although it will have to be reset and set up with our school software.

There is a minimum specification which will be made available in September.

Also, note that personal iPads brought into school would not be covered by our insurance policy and you would need to arrange your own cover.

Opt out

If you choose not to provide an iPad for your child, then they will be allocated a school iPad, which they can use for their schoolwork.

There is more information about our iPad scheme on the website, including Frequently asked questions, slides and a video.

Friends of Wellfield Middle School

We are keen to recruit mums, dads or any other family member to join our Friends of Wellfield School (FWS). This is an exciting opportunity to become involved and make a difference to our school. FWS have raised considerable amounts of funding for our school which has included financial support to enable us to have our very own minibus.

FWS welcomes involvement from any of our parents.

If you are interested, please contact the school office, giving your name, your child's name, and a contact number.



Wellfield Middle School 2022/23 School Calendar

2022	July	August	September	October	November	December
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	10 17 24	8 15 22 29
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	11 18 25	9 16 23 30
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	12 19 26	3 10 17 24
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	13 20 27	4 11 18 25
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