



Waltham Toll Bar Academy

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9 September 2022

Dear Families

It is my pleasure to write to you as we end the first week of this brand-new academic year to bring you up to date with life at Waltham Toll Bar Academy.

Passing of Queen Elizabeth II

We ended our first week back with the sad news of the death of the Sovereign. We express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to her other realms and territories is unparalleled and we thank her for her service.

Waltham Toll Bar Academy will observe the mourning period and continue to support our students, families, and staff. Unless otherwise stated, please assume any activities and events we have scheduled will continue as planned. We will observe any national holiday scheduled for Her Majesty's funeral but apart from this, academy hours will continue as normal.

We will be keeping students informed of news about these events as part of assemblies and class activities. If you think your child may be experiencing particular upset due to the passing of the Queen, please do let us know so we can provide additional support if needed.

Our new name

Time has been taken this week to explain our new name and logo to students during form time. Our new name is to emphasise the importance that we place on providing an exceptional education for every child right at the heart of our local community. In addition, our new logo is designed to signify the many routes and pathways to success we want to provide for all.

Educational trips and visits

One of the most important values of our Academy is providing all of our students with many and varied opportunities. Indeed, our values statement says, "*we guide our children in embracing every opportunity to ignite their curiosity*".

Planning is underway for several educational trips and visits this half term for all year groups. Further information will be sent to individual year groups.

Excellence in the classroom

Our teachers have the very highest of expectations of every student to ensure they are provided with the best life chances in the future.

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In lessons we expect students to

- Sit up straight
- 'Track' the teacher to ensure full attention
- Actively listen
- Be respectful at all times.

We also expect students to answer questions fully and confidently by:

- Answering questions in full sentences
- Ensuring their hands are away from their faces so they can be heard clearly
- Be confident and articulate when answering questions
- Make good eye contact with the person they are speaking to.

We believe these are essential life skills which will benefit students in their future and the work to begin developing those skills starts now.

Uniform

The Academy wrote to all families in July and again at the end of August to remind all students of expectations of uniform. A copy of the detailed letter sent in July is attached with this letter. Some important reminders:

- Students must have a school backpack which goes over both shoulders
- Ankle / trainer socks are not permitted
- Shoes with large embellishments on the front (such as bows or hearts) are not permitted
- Belts with large buckles / logos are not permitted.

Equipment

It is vital that all children attend the Academy with all equipment needed to learn.

Students are expected to have a pencil case, 2 pens, a pencil, a ruler, an eraser, a calculator and a suitable reading book as part of their equipment in order to be prepared for lessons.

All students are also required to bring a reading book each day to support their literacy.

A stationery shop will be open each morning before school in case students have lost or forgotten equipment.

Pay 360

If you are having any difficulty in accessing Pay 360 to upload money for your child's lunches or have any other problems, please email enquiries@tollbaracademy.co.uk and we will endeavour to resolve the issue. Alternatively, students can go in person to our new student services area which is accessible from the main courtyard. Staff in student services will be able to provide the correct information.

Yours faithfully



Mr N J Whittle
Principal

Enc: Letter re: Uniform (July 2022)

