



Welcome to Wirksworth Junior School



***Creative. Curious. Caring.
We make every moment count.***





Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for choosing to send your child to Wirksworth Junior School. This booklet will give you all the information you need before your child starts at our school. At Wirksworth Juniors, we want to create lasting, happy memories, which will help nurture your child into becoming a successful and happy individual.

We try to create this ethos through our six core values:

- Togetherness
- Fairness
- Perseverance
- Trust
- Respect
- Aspiration

Together with the British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs, these school values are what we use to develop 'the whole child' through our assemblies and school ethos. Over the four years your child attends our school, we want to work alongside you to support your son or daughter in becoming an independent, confident pupil ready for secondary school.

Our vision is to develop further our curiosity and wonder of the world by developing Forest Schools for all pupils and improving our provision of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM.) If you feel you can help develop these areas, please come into school, and share your ideas and thoughts - no idea is too small. From knitting to building a spaceship, let's think anything is possible to create the best education we can for the children at Wirksworth Junior School.

Finally, if having read this booklet you find you have further questions, please do get in touch. Otherwise, we look forward to working with you.

Kind regards,

Isabel Webb
Headteacher

Contact information.

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Wirksworth Junior School
Wash Green
Wirksworth
Derbyshire DE4 4FD

Telephone:

01629 822457

Please note – our office is staffed from 8.30 – 4.30pm, but there are times when we may not be able to answer a call due to being on another line or staff taking messages to classes etc. In this event, please leave a message on the answerphone and we shall contact you as soon as we can.

Website:

www.wirksworth-junior.com





Staff – September 2025-2026

Name	Role in school
Teaching Staff	
Mrs Isabel Webb	Headteacher Pupil Premium Lead RE coordinator Spanish coordinator PSHCE coordinator Computing co-ordinator. Music and Art co-ordinator DT and Geography coordinator
Mr Tom Brooks	Y5/6 teacher – Senior Teacher SENDCo co-ordinator
Mrs Vicki Cooke	Y4/5 teacher – part-time English co-ordinator PE co-ordinator
Mrs Shannon Potter	Y4/5 teacher – part-time Maths co-ordinator Science co-ordinator
Miss Rachel Sloane	Y3/4 teacher
Mrs Becci Davies	Teaching Assistant and Attendance Officer
Mrs Fiona Herbert	Teaching Assistant
Mr Reece Turner HLTA	HLTA Teaching Assistant Computing coordinator
Mr Luke Wisner HLTA	HLTA Teaching Assistant Forest School Leader
Mrs Jo Lofts	Teaching Assistant
Clerical Staff	
Mrs Sally Bradbury	School Business Administration Assistant

Miss Shannon Boam	School Business Officer
Mid-day Supervisors	
Mrs Jayne Craven	Relief Mid-day Supervisor
Mrs Rosie Doxey	Mid-day Supervisor
Mrs Marie Lynam	Mid-day Supervisor
Mrs Glenys Sadler	Relief Mid-day supervisor
Kitchen and Cleaning Staff	
Mrs Penny Curley	Catering Supervisor
Mr Phillip Repton	Caretaker



The school Day

08:40	-	08:55	Pupils to go straight into the classroom.
08:55	-	09:00	Registration.
09:05	-	09:20	Assembly.
09:20	-	10:25	Class lesson.
10:25	-	10:40	Break.
10:40	-	12:00	Class lessons.
12:00	-	12:45	Lunch Break.
12:45	-	13:05	Register.
13:05	-	13:25	Reading.
13:25	-	14:00	Class lesson.
14:00	-	14:15	Break
14:15	-	15:25	Class lesson.

Parents/carers are asked to ensure that children arrive by 8.55 am each morning. Gates will be closed at 8:55 and they will need to enter through the main reception.

If children leave early for medical appointments etc., they must be signed out of school at the office.

Useful dates

INSET days

- 4th and 5th September 2025
- 24th October 2025
- 23rd February 2026
- 26th June 2026

** 2026-27 – Friday 4th September 2026 – first day of term **

Please check the website www.wirksworthjunior.com for further details and dates.





Dress Code

The school uniform is:

- White shirt or light blue polo shirt decorated with or without school logo.
- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- Blue gingham style dress, grey pinafore, grey/black trousers, or medium length grey skirt.
- Sensible hardwearing black shoes, black boots, or sandals, which can be polished.
- If hair is long enough it should be always tied back.

PE uniform:

- Navy blue t-shirt with or without the school logo, navy shorts, dark trainers, black plimsolls for indoor PE.
- Dark blue/black/grey joggers and tracksuit top.

Forest schools

- School T-shirts and jumpers.
- Old trousers, no jeans.
- Waterproofs coat and trousers.
- Walking boots or wellington boots to change into.

Children can come into school wearing their PE kits, on PE days. The teacher will inform you via Class Dojo of these in September.

No jewellery is to be worn to school apart from small plain ear studs, which must be removed for PE, Forest school and swimming. Children must be able to remove themselves, or not to attend school in earrings on their PE days. If earrings cannot be removed, they will not be able to take part in PE lessons.

We can supply sweatshirts, cardigans, and polo shirts with the school logo at cost price. School orders are done in June for September and January for the Spring term. For more regular new items, you can contact Mrs Bradbury in the school office on:

office@wirksworth-jun.derbsyhire.sch.uk

Our uniform can also be ordered directly from www.myclothing.com. Just enter Wirksworth Junior School into the search box.



Homework

The Department for Education says pupils should be completing 90 minutes of homework a week. We ask the children to:

- Practise their spellings.
- Practise their multiplication facts using an online system called Timetables Rockstars.
- We ask that the children read at least five times a week at home and for parents to sign in their reading records to say they have listened to them read.
- We use TT Rock Stars. Logon details will be given in September when the children arrive in school.
- English homework will be a written piece completed in an exercise book.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you are unclear about any of your child's homework.



Enrichment activities to enhance the curriculum.

Forest School

All children get an opportunity to take part in Forest School. In each term the children will get six afternoons to explore the outdoors, learning about nature; the woodlands and undertake controlled risks and challenges in their local environment. Year 3 pupils will attend Forest School from after the first half term in November, when they will need to bring a change of clothes, they don't mind getting dirty. We are also looking for volunteers to help support us, so if you can offer one afternoon, or can attend all six sessions, then please speak to your child's class teacher directly.



Music lessons

Currently, we offer lessons in piano, trumpet, cornet, guitar, violin, viola, recorder, flute, clarinet, and drums. These are provided by peripatetic teachers and there is a charge for them. However, parents in receipt of certain benefits can apply for a bursary, which reduces the cost. Please enquire at the school office if you wish for more information.

Panto and Y5/6 play.

The show must go on! To develop confidence and encourage creativity, Year 3 get to perform a Christmas show in school. When they move into Year 5 and 6, the children will entertain you on the Anthony Gell Stage.

PE competitions

Through-out the juniors, children get a chance to take part and compete in sports some of these events have been triathlon, Peak Sports; tri-golf, cross country, football, tag rugby, tennis, boccia, The Bunting Cup, swimming gala, bike ability, rounders, cricket, dance and anymore.



Sailing

In year 6, pupils get the opportunity to attend Carsington Water for 4 sessions and gain their RSA stage 1 in sailing. This has been extremely popular and is something to look forward to as they progress through the school.

Dinnertime clubs

Dinnertime activities which have been held at different times throughout the current year have been colouring, nurture, choir, art, gardening, drama, litter picking and Lego. Please look out for details on our newsletters and encourage your child to attend, as all dinnertime clubs are free.

Y3/4 adventure day

This has now become a regular part of the school calendar. Early in the autumn term year 3/4 will take part in a team building adventure day, which helps bond the class together and learn about our school values of: perseverance, togetherness, fairness, trust and respect. This is a great way to start the year and their new school.

Y5/6 residential and Adventure days

Every year we take our Year 5 and 6 children on a residential visit. It is a great experience for the children and always comes up as one of the special memories when they have their leavers' assembly in the summer.

The children get to try lots of outdoor activities, and for some of them it is the first time they have been away from home, but they soon settle down and enjoy the freedom!

After school clubs

Wrap around care.

Premier Education runs from 07:30 – 09:00 and 3:30 to 6:00 pm every day. Please contact school if you would like to book a place.

Throughout the year, we offer a variety of after-school clubs, which include photography, dance, and sport. Some are offered free, whilst others may have a small charge. Information on the clubs on offer will be sent out via the newsletter in September; these are enrichment activities and may be cancelled if numbers are too low.



School rules.

We have 5 simple rules, which are:

- Be kind to others.
- Show respect.
- Keep myself and others safe.
- Have good manners.
- Follow instructions.



Good behaviour

We are using Class Dojo to collect reward points. The children can earn these by:

- Reading at home 5 times in the week (this must be signed in their reading record).
- For good work and behaviour.
- Demonstrating our school values.

These Dojo points will also be collated into a class point and the class with the most points gets extra play on a Friday.

Every Friday, pupils can be nominated for being a star of the week by their teacher or achieving a Head-teacher's award for doing that little bit extra. This will be celebrated on Class Dojo and the children will receive a certificate which they can take home.



Sanctions

Children are consistently learning. Sometimes children may not follow our school rules, and need to learn what the correct behaviour should be. We use the following sanctions to help children to learn how to behave correctly:

1. An adult may have a quiet word with the child to see if there is a problem.
2. If the behavior continues a verbal warning will be given. This is the final chance for the child to change their behaviour. A yellow card will be given to the child.
3. Any other poor behaviour will result in a child missing 10 minutes of their break time.



4. Any further incident will result in the child being sent to the Headteacher or Senior leader. Parents will be contacted.
5. If 2 red cards are given in a week parents will be contacted.
6. Any serious offences such as bullying, open disobedience, destroying property, violence etc. would initiate sanction 4 and steps 1 to 3 will be missed out. They maybe given a serious red card which means they miss their playtime for 24 hours with sensory breaks being given at a different time to the rest of the school.

Attendance

N.B. Holidays and other absences during term times will **not** be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances.

We run an attendance board in the school hall, which tracks good class attendance. The winning class receives rewards of extra playtime. For some children who struggle with attendance, our attendance officer Mrs Davies will meet with the child and parents to set up targets to improve this, which result in bespoke rewards for the child. Examples of these are: extra playtime, cooking sessions or extra PE. On occasions, where attendance does not improve, support may be needed from our School Family Support Worker, Ella Richardson, who will help support families at home to get their child into school.

SEND

If your child has extra need in the classroom or needs support with their behaviour on the playground, you may need to speak with Mr Tom Brook, our SENDCO. If you have any worries, please speak to your class teacher first who may refer you to Mrs Webb if extra support is needed.

School Meals

All our school meals are cooked fresh daily on site. There are a couple of different options available every day. However, if your child is not a vegetarian, but would like the vegetarian option this would need to be ordered in advance. Menus are sent out with every child that covers the whole term.



If your child has a special dietary requirement, please let us know by completing the online form, which can be found by following the link on the main covering letter.

The cost of a school meal at the moment is **£3.25 per day, £16.25 per week**, or you can pay for the whole half term, but this amount will vary. This should be paid in



advance on Mondays, through parent pay. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please complete the online form by following the link below.

<https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/formBuilder/free-school-meals/7471C40D-CA68-4B81-AA2D-32DCDA60CCC0>

If you need help in completing the form, please contact the school office. Please be aware that being eligible for free school meals also allows the school to access more money to support your child in school for the next six years of their education.

Communication

We will communicate with you in many ways. You will have an opportunity to briefly speak to your child's class teacher at the start and end of the day, however if you wish to speak for longer you will need to make an appointment with them. We will also send emails, and messages via Class Dojo. Monthly, we will send a newsletter to share what we have been up to, as well as making posts on Class Dojo and our school website. We have now gone paperless, so all consent must be completed digitally, via email or through Microsoft forms with the links that are sent to you. There is of course an opportunity to contact us by phone, so please do stay in touch with us.



Policies

All our policies can be found on the school website, under Key Information. If you wish to receive a paper copy of any of our policies, please contact the school office.



Governors

Name	Role	Type of Governor
Wilma Hyde	Chair	Local Authority
Simon Howard	Vice-Chair	Co-opted Governor
Julie Fisher	Governor	Co-opted Governor
Kirsty Meehan Vacancy for September 2025	Governor	Staff Governor
Simon Howard	Governor	Co-opted governor
Martin Counter Vacancy for September 2025	Governor	Co-opted Governor
Bea Middleton	Governor	Parent Governor
Emma Tattersall	Governor	Parent Governor
Andrew Tebbutt	Governor	Co-opted Governor
Helen Brocklehurst	Governor	Co-opted Governor
Isabel Webb	Governor	Headteacher
Jane Orley	Clerk	Clerk to the Governors

Governors can be contacted through the clerk on:

janegov@wirksworth-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk

If you do not have access to email, please address letters to Jane Orley and mark them confidential.

