

Whitburn Church of England Academy



Back to School Arrangements September 2026





We have prepared the information in this presentation so that everyone in the school community is aware of the arrangements for starting the new academic year.

Students / Parents / Carers, please read the information carefully before we return to school.

The new Academic Year starts for Students on **Thursday 3rd September**



Arrangements for Thursday 3rd September

- **All year groups** arrive at school for **8.40am** using their dedicated year group doors. Go directly to Tutor Rooms. Students will be with tutors / in assembly until breaktime.
- All students will be in timetabled lessons periods 3, 4 and 5.
- **There will be no PE on the first day for any year group so you do not need PE Kit.**
- Scholars Buses will run as normal am and pm



School Routines – what to bring to school

Whitburn students are organised and prepared for their learning. These good habits will make sure that you maximise your learning time and minimise time spent on conversations about not doing the right thing.

- Bring your equipment – mobile phone pouch, pen, pencil, ruler, calculator, *planner*, personal reading book and *Knowledge Organisers* (Y7/8/9) plus PE KIT on days when you have PE
- It is **your responsibility to bring exercise books** to lessons each day.
- You will need a **durable bag** to keep equipment, exercise books etc
- **Mobile phones/airpods** should be kept in mobile phone pouches and **turned off** during lessons. They are your responsibility. Don't bring them if you think you might lose them.

Uniform expectations



Whitburn students wear their uniform correctly at all times because this shows you take pride in your appearance and recognises that you are here to work and learn in a formal, professional environment. [Uniform policy is linked here](#)

*Expectations:

- Pleated A line school skirt worn to knee length or **formal school trousers (not leggings/legging material/flares)**
- Shirts tucked in
- Tie done up with top button fastened
- Formal school shoes
- Tights or full socks to be worn – no sports/trainer socks

***There will be a full uniform check on the first day. All piercings, false eyelashes, false tan, nail varnish and acrylic nails MUST be removed. If any student is in breach of uniform expectations, parents/carers will be contacted to collect students so that they can remedy the error before returning back to school.**



Items you are **NOT** allowed to wear **in school**



- Skirts above the knee
- Skirts that are not pleated
- Three quarter length trousers
- Leggings or trousers/flares that are of lycra material
- Hooded tops/tracksuit tops
- Sports/trainer socks
- Fake nails
- Fake tan
- False eyelashes
- Make up
- Trainers
- Earrings/tongue/nose piercings/spacers any other visible piercings and jewellery
- Hoodies
- Hats

We have these expectations because conversations with staff about incorrect uniform and not following simple expectations take focus away from your learning

2026 – 2027 Form Rooms

Please look to see what room you are in for morning registration

2026 – 2027 Tutors and Form Rooms



Year 7	Form Room	
W (KS)	24	
H (ICB)	40	
I (MHE)	30	
T (VLO)	6	LAM Fridays
B (SMA)	26	JF 1 Tues / 2 Wed
U (JB)	43	LAM Tuesdays
R (SW)	42	
N (BM)	15	

Year 8	Form Room	
W (MTM)	16	
H (RWA)	29	
I (RSP)	2	
T (LM)	3	STW 1 Mon / 2 Tues
B (JH)	38	
U (CCO)	31	
R (VC)	9	
N (BC)	50	

Year 9	Form Room	
W (GT)	32	
H (AN)	11	ER 1 Wed / 2 Fri
I (JL)	17	
T (LP)	14	ER 2 Thurs
B (HMA)	23	
U (TWO)	41	
R (LUM)	44	
N (MC)	1	

Year 10	Form Room	
W (CL)	48	
H (TC)	10	
I (JCO)	13	
T (EJ)	37	
B (LR)	36	TWT 1 Thurs / 2 Fri
U (GC)	47	
R (NT)	21	
N (RWI)	49	

Year 11	Form Room	
W (CD)	28	
H (KL)	33	
I (AMT)	46	AF 1 Fri / 2 Mon
T (GFR)	39	
B (KHU)	35	
U (TM)	20	
R (SBU)	45	
N (OU)	22	

Year 12	Room	Year 13	Room
F (DSW) PS Mondays	S4	F (CT)	S11
A (MH)	S2	A (JCS) SMK Weds	S13
I (JAB)	S3	I (FD) PS Weds	S12
T (CWR)	S5	T (CC) SMK 1 Tues	S9
H (LD) CEM Mon/Tues	S6	H (RRO)	S10

KS3	Y7 Pastoral Lead: S Murray	Y7 ISA:	Pastoral Office
Pastoral	Y8 Pastoral Lead: N Elleithy	Y8 ISA: B Spawls	Pastoral Office
	Y9 Pastoral Lead: J Ferguson	Y9 ISA: J Payne	Pastoral Office
KS4	Y10 Pastoral Lead: R Coyne	Y10 ISA: S Huse	Pastoral Office Sept
Pastoral	Y11 Pastoral Lead: L Fielding	Y11 ISA: M Ahmed	Pastoral Office Sept
	KS5 Pastoral Lead: K White	Sixth Form	Bamburgh
Sixth Form	Head of Sixth Form: L Craggs	Sixth Form	Lindisfarne
	KS5 Progress Lead: K Dickenson	Sixth Form	Durham
	English & Literacy: J Adamson	Top Floor	Tynemouth
SLT	Maths & Numeracy: D Geary	Middle Floor	
	SENCo: C Avary	Top Floor	

Lunch Arrangements for Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September



- **Year 7** will go to lunch at 12.10pm. Parents / Carers, please ensure that money has been credited to your **ParentPay** account. Parents / Carers, please contact the Business Office if you have any queries regarding ParentPay
- **Years 8-10 will follow a lunch rota and will go to lunch between 12.40-1.25pm**
- Year 11 Prefects will be allowed to go to the village
- **Updated lunch prices: £3.25 for a main meal and a dessert and £3.75 for a main meal, dessert and drink**

School day timings



Registration	8:55am - 9:25am
Lesson 1	9:25am - 10:25am
Lesson 2	10:25am - 11:25am
Break	11:25am - 11:40am
Lesson 3	11:40am - 12:40pm
Lunch	12:40pm - 1:30pm
Lesson 4	1:30pm - 2:30pm
Lesson 5	2:30pm - 3:30pm



School Routines – getting to and from school

At Whitburn we behave sensibly and maturely when travelling to and from school. This is because you are Whitburn Students who represent your school and its values. The local community will know who you are

- For your own health, please walk or cycle to school wherever possible
- **If cycling, please wear a helmet and bring a lock** for your bike – school cannot accept any responsibility for loss/theft/damage to student cycles
- If you are arriving by car, to avoid congestion on Rackly Way, **please use the South Bents car park to drop off your child.** Please **pick up** your child from the same car park at the end of the school day. **Do not bring your car onto site to drop off students unless you have been issued a permit. This is to ensure student safety and reduce congestion.**
- **Only Blue Badge holders / those with a permit issued by the school** will be allowed onto site to drop off / pick up their child.



School Routines – getting to and from school

- **Scholars Buses will** run as normal from Thursday 4th September. Staff will be on Rackly way to supervise students; staff will also supervise students in the village (for a time) following school
- We will have an abundance of after school activities running this year. Students will be expected to make use of these opportunities. The late bus at 4.30pm will run each night for these students
- We must ensure we maintain our excellent reputation and relationships we have within our community. **Please go straight home after school** and do not hang around Premier, the Co-op and other shops in the village – be respectful to others in the community

Morning scholars Services					
558	Durham Drive Roundabout	Whitburn CoE Academy	08:00	08:40	JH COACHES
801	West Boldon Bank Top	Whitburn CoE Academy	08:10	08:40	STAGECOACH
802	Harton Comprehensive	Whitburn CoE Academy	08:05	08:45	JH COACHES
803	West Boldon Bank Top	Whitburn CoE Academy	08:12	08:40	JH COACHES
804	St Wilfrids RC Comprehensive School	Whitburn CoE Academy	08:12	08:45	JH COACHES
812	Boldon Lad - Hedworth Lane	Whitburn CoE Academy	07:45	08:45	JH COACHES
Afternoon Scholars Services					
525	Whitburn CoE Academy	South Shields Community School	15:40	16:00	STAGECOACH
558	Whitburn CoE Academy	Durham Drive Roundabout	15:40	16:15	JH COACHES
801	Whitburn CoE Academy	Boldon Colliery Asda	15:40	16:05	STAGECOACH
803	Whitburn CoE Academy	West Boldon Bank Top	15:40	16:00	JH COACHES
803D	Whitburn CoE Academy	West Boldon Bank Top	15:40	16:00	JH COACHES
804	Whitburn CoE Academy	Cotswolds Estate	15:40	16:07	STAGECOACH
'Late Bus' – why not work later and get the quieter bus home?					
807	Whitburn CoE Academy	Fellgate Estate - Durham Drive Roundabout	16:35	17:15	JH COACHES



School Routines – moving around the building

At Whitburn we move quickly and quietly to lessons because you need to maximise your learning time. Dawdling and taking time to 'walk' friends to their lessons is not acceptable. Conversations about lateness are a waste of precious time.

- Please **walk on the left in single file** on corridors and stairs and do not congregate with others. Don't push or rush. Be punctual to all lessons and be in school on time.
- **Water fountains** will be available to students. Please bring a **clear plastic water bottle** to **refill at break and lunch times**
- Students will not be allowed to fill water bottles during lessons or between lessons 1&2, 4&5
- Students should use the toilets at break and lunchtime; toilets are NOT open at the change of lessons (between 1&2 and 4&5)
- You will need to bring all your books and equipment needed for each day.
- Lockers will only be used to store bags for Science and Technology lessons.

Year groups will be able to purchase food/drinks from Food for Thought at break time on a rota as below from 3rd September.



Break Service	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Years	7 + 8	8 + 9	9 + 10	10 + 11	7 + 11



This is how we do things at Whitburn

A Whitburn Student carries our values at all times. When you wear our uniform you represent our 5 key values to:

- Be Kind – we have empathy for others
- Be Respectful – we are polite and well mannered
- Be Helpful – we care for and support each other
- Be a Learner – we want to be the best we can be and strive to improve
- Be Fair - we treat others in the way we wish to be treated



We do this so that you are well prepared for learning and for moving on to a happy and fulfilling life as a good citizen.



We look forward to welcoming you
all on Thursday 3rd September