



Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

We hope you all had a relaxing and restful summer holiday. It was wonderful to see your children return to school and to welcome many new faces. The start of our new academic year has been full of positive experiences. Over the summer the school has undergone major refurbishments throughout many areas around the building and refurbishment works will continue throughout the Autumn term.

Thank you to all the parents that attended the Parental Engagement Meeting on Tuesday 12th September. We received some positive feedback from parents in attendance and we will always seek solutions to improve as a school. A comments and actions letter has been sent to all parents & carers earlier in the week for your information, we hope to see many of you at the next parental engagement evening.

Today we have had Peter Aldous MP visit the school. He was very positive and enthusiastic on his tour of the school and he was lucky enough to see one of our favourite activities of the week, Signing Choir.

We are excited to host our first Colour Move on Tuesday 26th September to raise money for our new school minibus, we hope to see you there and we are looking forward to see the pupils enjoy the day.

Kate Binding
Assistant Academy Head

Meet the Team Jenny Sandmann

Hello, my name is Jenny, and I am the Phase lead for Post 16.

I have worked here at Warren Since June 2022 and have really enjoyed teaching the pupils in the school.

I feel really passionate about working with young people with additional needs and have done so as a teacher for the last 20 years.

I have lived in Suffolk for 2 years now and before that grew up and lived in Medway in Kent where I taught in an MLD school.

Outside of school my favourite thing to do is to spend time with my dog, Teddy!





Meet the Team

Emma Peach



My name is Emma Peach, and I am the Secondary Phase Leader.

I have been a teacher at Warren School for 10 years and have loved every minute of it.

I know many of the children really well and have enjoyed seeing them grow up. As we move forward, I am very excited to see what the future brings.

RSHE Parent engagement Evening

We would like to invite parents and guardians to join to learn about how we are developing the statutory curriculum of Relationship and Sex Education. This sits alongside Personal, Social and Health Education, to provide all children and young people with necessary life skills.

I will be happy to share information and take your questions.

Throughout the year, we will all continue to keep you informed and work in partnership with you.

We hope that you be able to attend and look forward to working closely with you across your child's time at Warren School.

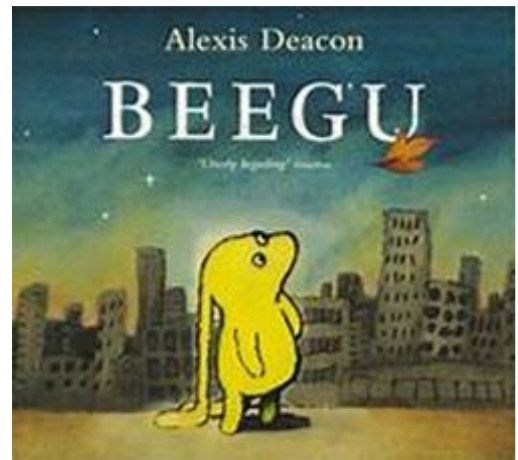
Sue Phipps

Assistant Academy Head - Curriculum Lead



Special Day

To launch our new Literacy work we held a special day. We came to school on our first week back to find a crashed space ship! We all had a turn to go outside and look at the spaceship, examine it, take photos and wonder what had happened. Who crash landed? Did anything come out of the spaceship? We all had some amazing ideas. This week we found out that Beegu crashed her spaceship; she is an alien. We will be spending the rest of the half term looking at Beegu's story in detail learning about what she did, how she feels and lots of fun activities.





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POST 16/18 INFORMATION EVENT

An opportunity for Year 10-14 students and their parents and carers to meet local colleges, training providers and other agencies who can provide information about all things 'Next Steps'



Mon 25th Sept 2023
5:30 - 7:30 pm



Clarkes Lane, Lowestoft, NR33
8RT Tel: 01502 561893

Here are some of the organisations who will be available to talk to you on the night.

- East Coast College
- City of Norwich
- Suffolk New College
- SENSE
- Leading Live
- Top Cats
- Involve
- Suffolk SENDIASS
- The Befriending Scheme
- Suffolk On Board
- Access Community Trust
- Travel Training
- Warren 6th Form
- The Otium Centre

Clarkes Lane, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 8HT

Telephone: - 01502 561893

Email: - office@warrenschoo.co.uk Website: - www.warrenschoo.co.uk



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we welcome children back at the start of a new academic term, we are committed to providing an environment that promotes the best possible opportunities for all our pupils and recognise this can be better achieved by supporting and encouraging good school attendance. It is vital if we are to ensure they succeed in school and in their future lives.

The Chief Medical Officer and leading health professionals have recently written to schools to provide a clinical and public health perspective on mild illnesses and school attendance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-to-school-leaders-on-mild-illness-and-school-attendance/letter-to-school-leaders-on-mild-illness-and-school-attendance>

To ensure we act in line with current DFE Statutory Regulations, we would like to provide some further information and guidance on school attendance.

At Warren School, we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is too ill to attend school, has a medical appointment that cannot be taken outside of school hours or a request for leave has been agreed in exceptional circumstances. However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. At Warren, we look at each request on its own merit, before reaching a decision. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Academy Head, using the school's request form. The form should be returned to the office at least 15 school days before the start of the absence.

Not all requests for leave will be authorised. If the request for leave is not authorised and the parent/carer still withdraws the child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

This does not mean there will automatically be a penalty notice.

The decision to submit a request for the issue of a Penalty Notice will be considered when a child's attendance is deemed to be 'not regular'. The definition of 'not regular' in this instance is when it is below the threshold. For all trust schools, this attendance threshold is set at 96%, in line with national attendance data. In the Autumn Term, a child's attendance for the previous academic year will be considered before deciding on a course of action. From January onwards, the decision will be based on attendance data from the current academic year.

In line with the Trust absence policy, if a child cannot attend school due to illness, we would expect a parent or carer to contact the school on the first day of absence on the main Warren School number: 01502 561893. If you do not contact us, we will phone you. This is known as First Day Calling. If we are unable to make contact we will send an email, text or send a letter requesting an explanation for absence. It is important to consider the vulnerability of some of our students to illnesses. Following a bout of sickness or diarrhoea, your child cannot return to school for **48 hours after the last bout.**

You are welcome to contact the school if you feel you would like advice or support in helping your child attend more regularly. Warren School is committed to maximising the education of all its pupils and aims to work with parents to ensure this can be achieved. Only by attending school regularly, will children and young people be able to take full advantage of the opportunities available to them.

Yours sincerely
Gemma Arlow



Dates for your diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who</u>
Tuesday 19 th September 6:30pm-7:30pm	RSHE Parent engagement Evening	Parent
Wednesday 20 th September 7:30pm	Warren Association AGM	Everyone
Monday 25 th September	Autumn Term Parental Survey to be returned.	Parents
Monday 25 th September 5:30pm-7:30pm	Post 16/18 Information Event	Parents and Pupils From year 10-Year 14
Tuesday 26 th September 9:30am-10:30am	Colour Move Class 1-8	Lower School Pupils and Parents
Tuesday 26 th September 1:30pm-2:30pm	Colour Move Class 9-14	Upper School Pupils and Parents
Wednesday 17 th October 10am-11:30am	Share Morning	Parents and Pupils
Wednesday 18 th October 9:30am-10:30am	Parent Coffee Morning	Parents
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of Half Term	Everyone
Monday 30 th October	PD Day	Staff
Tuesday 31 st October	Pupils Return to school	Pupils