

EARLY YEARS HANDBOOK 2026



**Pre-Kindergarten
to Year 2**



John Wollaston
ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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EARLY LEARNING AT JOHN WOLLASTON ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Welcome to John Wollaston Anglican Community School. We trust that this year will be a happy and rewarding experience for you and your child. At John Wollaston we understand this time of your child's life is an important stage in their development and we will do all we can to assist your child on this journey. Our purpose-built Early Learning Centre (ELC) has been designed to engage the minds of our youngest students and emphasises the School's commitment to Early Childhood Education. I know that you will find it to be a welcoming and stimulating environment, filled with interactive experiences, activities and most importantly, play. Play is accepted as the way in which children create meaning in their world, practise social skills, solve problems, gain confidence and develop positive attitudes toward school and learning. This pedagogy remains a focus across the Early Years.

The teachers and education assistants have prepared this information booklet to assist your child's smooth transition through their early years of schooling. If you have any questions regarding the Early Years, please do not hesitate to ask me. I look forward to meeting you and getting to know your child/ren during their time at John Wollaston Anglican Community School.



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OUR PHILOSOPHY FOR EARLY YEARS EDUCATION

We are committed to providing quality education and care for all students at John Wollaston Anglican Community School. We recognise the clear evidence that the first years of a child's life are a critical period for learning and development. The early years are the base to build competence in all aspects of child development; learning, behaviour and mental health. High quality education and care set a positive trajectory for every child enabling them to make a meaningful contribution to society as good global citizens.

At the core of our belief regarding the education of young children is that having fun and enjoying school are prerequisites for learning. A sense of belonging enables children to engage in learning experiences. We develop warm and trusting relationships with children and their families and adopt a balanced curriculum, which incorporates play-based learning and intentional teaching to address the requirements of the Western Australian Curriculum, Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines, Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP). At John Wollaston, we believe that in a supportive, caring and child-centred learning environment, children will be in the best position to reach their full potential. Our educators are fully qualified Early Childhood professionals and regularly participate in professional learning activities within and outside the school environment to maintain knowledge of best practice in Early Years education. Developmentally appropriate pedagogy underpins all teaching and learning undertaken within the Early Years at John Wollaston. All staff implement a variety of age-appropriate strategies which are effective in engaging young learners; responsive to students' needs and based on ongoing learning and reflective practice. We have a strong focus on providing a curriculum which caters for the developmental requirements of each child, both academically and socially. Through an inquiry approach and intentional play, our children learn through curiosity, wonder and social interaction.

Learning Environment

In the Early Years, we believe it is essential that the learning environment be one in which students feel welcomed, safe and challenged to learn. Staff need to be approachable, friendly and enthusiastic. Early, positive teacher/student attachment is crucial and all staff are provided with training on the importance of developing strong relationships with the children as part of their professional learning. By being well-organised and knowledgeable, we are able to make learning interesting. The physical learning environment must remain engaging and stimulating. Showcasing student work creates a friendly and fun atmosphere for all of the children and families to enjoy and celebrate, thus establishing a sense of place where children feel they belong.

We create an inquiry-centred classroom, aligned with the IB PYP philosophy, where children are encouraged to have a voice and become principled, reflective thinkers. Each classroom has areas created that allow for self-expression; such as a home corner, theatre, painting, construction and collage space. There are areas to promote thinking and the inquiry process such as artifact tables, water trays, a vegetable garden and other types of provocations. These planned areas promote specific outcomes and learning through intentional play. We understand that we must honour individual student inquiries and use these to build interest and knowledge in our students' school experiences.

We believe that the outdoor learning environment is an extension of our classrooms and therefore needs to be planned to stimulate and promote creative thinking, exploration and questions from the children. Where possible we will endeavour to create a link between the inside and outside learning environments by bringing the natural world and materials inside and inquiry learning into the outdoor environment. We recognise the importance of nature playgrounds and 'wild space' for both cognitive and social development, as well as the need for children to have time to explore and use loose parts and natural materials to develop their creative play. This affinity with the natural world is a significant aspect of our philosophy. With this in mind, all students have a set of Wellington boots, a raincoat and protective trousers so they can play outdoors all year round; rain or shine.



Balance – the Whole Child

We understand that all children have different strengths, challenges and interests. We regard each child as an individual, requiring specific intervention best suited to match their developmental growth.

We believe our strong specialist and support programs contribute to the provision of a balanced curriculum. We recognise the importance of evidence-based assessments, data collection and Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology screenings to ensure we can target our teaching and learning to the specific needs of our students.

This incorporates tracking student progress over time to give each child the opportunity to develop to their full potential. We are committed to the implementation of evidence-based learning programs such as Heggerty, Sounds-Write and Talk for Writing and providing daily opportunities for children to read, write, develop mathematical skills, enhance speaking and listening skills and to expand their socio-emotional awareness.

Our Early Years staff are well equipped to provide for children's skill level and interests. At John Wollaston, we believe it is important to offer a learning environment in which these diverse needs are acknowledged and catered for in the 'day to day' delivery of the curriculum. We understand that we need to build on each child's skills and interests through the years and we develop differentiated programs and learning experiences that will encourage this progression and development. We endeavour to develop the School's Core Values and the PYP Learner Profile to develop balanced children who have the key skills and attributes required to survive and succeed in a fast paced and changing world.

Play

According to the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia - V2.0 (2022), play based learning can be defined as:

“A context and a process for learning through which children organise and make sense of their social worlds, as they engage actively with people, objects and representations.”

Children learn best through a play orientated environment. Play is an essential part of children’s development, and it facilitates learning in all areas including their physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development. Through play, children can discover new concepts, use language and explore emotions in a safe way. When playing, children are actively engaged, and intrinsically motivated to discover, solve problems and explore their world. Children should be given ample opportunities to engage in lengthy periods of child initiated play every day. Whilst children are engaged in their play, adults are able to scaffold their learning by stimulating and extending each play experience.

Teachers plan provocations in the environment to initiate interest in specific play experiences and develop further learning opportunities for the children. This intentional teaching and learning is crucial in a rigorous and stimulating learning environment.

Social and Emotional Development

Pastoral care at the School informs and guides the pedagogy of teaching. We aim to develop students who are lifelong learners, resilient, empathetic to others and make a positive contribution to our world. We acknowledge the importance of our role as educators in promoting the emotional development of all students. We adopt a proactive, preventative approach that is grounded in the core social and emotional learning competencies according to CASEL (Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning) and the central tenets of Positive Psychology. Each program and strategy is carefully matched to the developmental needs of our students.



Our School has adopted the Berry Street Education Model to help support students’ emotional regulation to be ready to learn throughout the day. In the Early Years, the Kimochis program and U R Strong program are implemented to complement The Keeping Safe: Child Protection lessons and other aspects of socio-emotional learning embedded in the PYP curriculum.

In order to succeed at school and in life, we understand as Early Childhood professionals that children need to develop key skills to communicate effectively, interact appropriately with others and cope with the pressures of everyday life. As well as these key programs, we give every child the chance to develop social and emotional competence and confidence to survive in the fast-paced world in which we live, through the incidental experiences that come from play based learning.

GENERAL INFORMATION

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- The Primary Office telephone number is 9495 8118.
- The Early Learning Centre Office telephone number is 9495 8166.
- Both offices are attended by Administration staff.
- Class teachers are unable to take telephone calls during class time.
- If your child will be absent from school please lodge your child's absence through the portal on SEQTA by 9:00am or telephone the Early Learning Centre Office.
- Please also telephone and notify us if you will be late collecting your child

MORNING SNACK

- For children in Little Wollies through to Year 2, we have a 'healthy snack' policy for the morning snack.
- Each child is required to bring a labelled container with chopped fruit/vegetables for them to eat. Some children may prefer to bring a whole piece of fruit e.g. a banana or an apple; however, if your child has wobbly teeth, please assist by cutting up the food for them to make it easier to eat. Students are welcome to bring an additional healthy snack such as cheese, yoghurt or crackers.
- Each child is required to bring a named drink bottle filled with WATER ONLY to keep them hydrated throughout the day.



LUNCH

- A small, packed lunch and drink are all that is required.
- Orders may be made from the Café Menu and this can be completed online via the FlexiSchools app. You can access this through the School's website. Students are not permitted to go to the Café on their own to purchase items until Year 4.
- As we try to encourage the children to make healthy choices in their eating habits, please DO NOT include lollies, chips, ice-creams, chocolate or fizzy drinks.
- Food cannot be reheated or refrigerated so the use of thermos containers and icepacks is encouraged.
- John Wollaston Anglican Community School is a nut minimisation environment. Please do not send any foods containing nuts or nut-based products to school. This includes Nutella and Peanut Butter.

RECESS AND LUNCH PLAY

- We recognise the value of nature play and therefore the children are encouraged to climb trees and explore the bush area on campus. The children will also have opportunities for ball games and physical activity, sand play, imaginative play, water play and social interactions.
- Little Wollies, Kindergarten, and Pre-Primary to Year 1 students each have their own playground areas. The students are supervised by duty staff who are rostered on.
- Please ensure your child has their wet weather gear and School hat packed every day.
- In the first five weeks of Term 1, Year 2 students are rostered to play in the playground and courtyard areas only while they are becoming familiar with the main Primary campus. They are not permitted to access the oval until the beginning of Week 6 when they feel more comfortable navigating the grounds.

SCHOOL RULES

- All children must bring a hat to school, to be worn at all times when outside.
- No hat, No sun.
- Children are encouraged to walk when inside and on all paved areas around the School.
- Children are required to wash their hands after a visit to the toilet and before eating.
- After activities and games, children are expected to help pack away equipment.
- Children are not permitted to play on any outdoor play equipment unless supervised by a teacher. Therefore, no child is to climb on any playground equipment within the school grounds, before or after school in the ELC.

ARRIVAL

- Whilst waiting outside, please remain with your child and ensure that they do not play on the outdoor equipment. An authorised adult must bring your child to school, unless other arrangements have been made and the teacher has been notified in writing.
- Parents of Pre-Primary, Years 1 and 2 students can make use of the 'Kiss and Drive' areas once your child is comfortable with making their way to the classroom and preparing for the day. This area is supervised from 8:00am to 8:30am. It is recommended that this is not used at the start of Term 1 while your child is settling into the new routines.
- Bus children will be met at their bus and accompanied to the ELC by a rostered-on member of staff. Year 2 students will be met by a staff member for the first half of Term 1 and accompanied to class as part of the transition to the main campus.
- If your child is ill or you will be late to school, we ask parents to call Reception to let us know. We will call parents to locate absent children if we have not been notified.
- If you are late to school, please sign your child in at the ELC Reception (Pre-Kindy to Year 1) and our receptionist will take them to class. If your child is in Year 2, please sign them in at Primary Reception.

DISMISSAL

- We will not dismiss a child to an unauthorised person. If your child is to be collected by someone who is not familiar to the teacher please advise the teacher in writing, through the Communication Folder/Diary, giving the name and telephone number of the authorised person. Teachers and our Receptionist are able to provide you with a form for you to fill out to add any names/contact details of people that you would like to authorise to collect your child on a regular basis. This authority will remain until you authorise us otherwise.
- Parents and carers are requested to collect children promptly to allow teachers to attend after school commitments and scheduled meetings.
- No child will be allowed to leave the ELC classrooms unless a parent or designated adult accompanies him/her.
- If you are unexpectedly delayed, please notify the School by telephone as soon as possible.
- If your child must leave the School early, please notify us with this information. You will need to sign your child out at Reception.

KISS AND DRIVE/DROP OFF

- The Kiss and Drive/Drop off slip road areas in both the ELC and main campus have a staff member on duty from 8.00am-8.30am in the morning and between 3.00-3.30pm in the afternoon.
- Parents of children in Pre-Primary and Year 1 can drop their children to the Morning Duty Teacher who will ensure that the children make their way safely through the gate. It is recommended that you only begin making use of this area once your child is feeling confident in making their way to the classroom independently.
- If you would like your child to be brought out to the Kiss and Drive area at the end of the day, please let your child's teacher know either through the diary or through SEQTA. They will then be escorted out and supervised by staff until you arrive.
- Little Wollies and Kindergarten children are unable to use the Kiss and Drive area for safety reasons. Little Wollies and Kindergarten children are required to be collected from the classroom all year around.
- Year 2 children are able to make use of the Kiss and Drive at either the ELC or main campus from Week 4 of Term 1. Prior to this, we require students to be dropped to and collected from the classroom door as we transition them to the main campus.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP - COMMUNICATION

- We consider communication between home and school to be very important. Our first concern is the wellbeing of your child. Should anything happen at home to upset your child, we would appreciate if you could let us know.
- Please ensure you read all communication sent from the School as it will include important dates and information that pertain to your child's schooling. We use the following tools to keep you informed of the program, school events and your child's progress:
 - SEQTA: This platform works as an internal email between school and home. All messages and communication with staff is through this platform. All notes, information and school reports are shared through this platform. You can also access the School Calendar here.
 - SEESAW: Staff and students upload work samples, feedback and photos from the program. It is a way to engage in the program and provides opportunity for you to talk with your child and their teacher about the learning and your child's progress within the program.
 - PARENT NOTICEBOARD: Teachers will often share reminders about upcoming events using the noticeboards outside of their classrooms. This is also where you will find the Parent Help Roster for your child's class.
 - COMMUNICATION FOLDER/STUDENT DIARY: Hard copy notes or incidental information will sometimes be sent via these modes. Information about pick up and drop off arrangements can be shared with the teacher via the folder in Little Wollies and Kindergarten and via the diary from Pre-Primary.
 - WOLLASTON'S WRAP: Our School Newsletter Wollaston's Wrap is distributed fortnightly via email and SEQTA.
 - PAPERLY: Used to collect excursion permissions
 - PARENT MEETINGS: If you would like to meet with the teacher to discuss anything pertaining to your child, please make a time via SEQTA or through the communication folder/student diary. Your child's teacher is your first point of contact should you have matters to discuss.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

- We very much appreciate and welcome help from parents and grandparents. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in your child's experiences at school. We welcome any talents, interests and skills that you are willing to share with the children. There are opportunities to support the delivery of School programs, the running events and other activities under the direction of staff.
- A Parent Help Roster can be found at the beginning of each term on the Parent Notice Board of each classroom in the ELC showing the days and times that help is needed in that classroom. In Year 2, teachers will send out times on an as needs basis when they require parent help. Please note that in Term 1, this doesn't start until later as we work to ensure the children are settled into their new classes before this begins.
- Opportunities to support with events will be sent out via SEQTA, as needed.
- In the Early Years, Parents or Guardians may be required on site for additional time to support their child's transition, the duration of that support will vary in consultation with School staff. In all years, Parents or Guardians may be required on site for additional time to support their child's needs.
- All parent helpers must sign the Parent Helper Agreement and sign in and out of the ELC Reception (Little Wollies – Year 1) or Primary Reception (Year 2) when assisting in the classroom. It is important to remember that when you are helping in the classroom, you will notice that all children are at different points in their development, whether it be emotionally, academically or physically. We request that you help maintain the dignity of the children by maintaining confidentiality about what you see.
- If you would like to share an aspect of your family's culture or traditions, or if you have any expertise related to the units of inquiry being studied in class, please let the classroom teacher know as we would love to have you in to share your knowledge and skills and culture.



BIRTHDAYS

- We are happy for the children to celebrate their birthday at school.
- You are welcome to bring cupcakes or Freddo Frogs for your child's class to share, so that we can all celebrate together. Please note the School's Nut Minimisation Policy when making or purchasing cupcakes.
- If your child is diabetic, lactose intolerant or suffers from allergies please inform the class teacher of your preference for these occasions or make other arrangements.
- If birthday party invitations are to be given out at school, it is essential that they are placed in an envelope with each child's name written on the front and given to the teacher. The teacher will then place the invitations in the appropriate Communication Folder/Diary.

HEALTH

- If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. Please notify the School before 9:00am via the Parent Portal on SEQTA or on 9495 8166 (ELC Reception).
- We would like to stress the importance of keeping your child at home at the first sign of infection because:
 - Children cannot cope easily in class when they are unwell.
 - Infection spreads quickly in a school environment.
- Illnesses such as gastroenteritis, influenza, conjunctivitis, coughs and colds are highly contagious and can spread rapidly through a group of children. If an infectious disease or illness is the cause of absence, please advise ELC Reception or Primary Reception and consult your family doctor before the return of your child to school. For more information on exclusion periods for various illnesses as advised by the Health Department, please see Appendix A.
- If you have treated your child for head lice or thread worms, please notify their teacher.
- Facilities at school are limited when children become ill therefore parents are notified immediately if an accident or illness occurs.
- It is vital that telephone numbers and emergency contact numbers for children are kept up to date at all times. Please advise ELC Reception when changes occur.
- Medication is only administered at school with the approval of the Deputy Head of Primary. Panadol and other over the counter medications (with the exception of aspirin and codeine) may be administered with written permission from the parent or guardian. Prescribed medications must be clearly labelled with the pharmacy label and in their original packaging. All medication must be taken to the ELC or Primary Reception.
- Please note Emergency Actions Plans and Asthma Action Plans must be updated annually.



SUN PROTECTION POLICY

- A 'No hat, No sun' policy is enforced by the School. Please ensure your child has their School hat every day. Please ensure the hat is clearly named.
- Sunscreen is provided by the School for your child to use. If your child is unable to use the sunscreen provided, please send in an alternative with their name clearly marked on the bottle/tube.

INSECT REPELLANT

- At certain times of the year, mosquitoes can be present around the campus. Children are permitted to bring roll-on insect repellent to school and apply it as needed. Aerosol sprays are not permitted for health and safety reasons.

TOILETING POLICY

- While we encourage parents to try and have their children toilet trained when they start school, we understand that learning to toilet independently is part of a child's personal and social development that sometimes can present challenges. The level of support required will depend on the individual child's needs and can range from full assistance including the changing of pull ups or of clothing following accidents, through to verbal reminders of the necessary steps in the process of toileting.
- Enrolment will not be refused on the basis of a child not being toilet trained. For those children requiring support with toileting once they commence at John Wollaston, documented toileting plans will be developed by the School in collaboration with parents to best support children's needs and provide staff with guidelines in caring for children with toileting concerns, i.e. appropriate and reasonable physical contact necessary to carry out tasks such as toileting and dressing. This also aims to ensure consistency in the approach between home and school.
- All plans and actions regarding toileting will maintain the dignity of the child at all times.
- Parent should notify the Class Teacher of any issues or support required that is related to toileting, such as whether their child is toilet-trained, whether their child is prone to accidents, any upheavals at home or psychological issues which may have an effect on their child's ability to toilet themselves independently.
- Please provide 2 spare changes of clothes for your child and other toileting consumables e.g. plastic bags, if there are any issues related to toileting.
- Parents are required to continue toileting training at home and promote toileting routines and hygiene to support the care plan developed.
- Please support us by encouraging your child to go to the toilet at the beginning of the school day.

TOYS

- We would appreciate if you could ensure that your child's personal toys remain at home. Loss or damage is distressing for children and can be easily avoided.
- Your child's teacher will let you know if the children are requested to bring items for sharing sessions. This will be communicated in writing.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN - LITTLE WOLLIES

Attendance Times:

- The doors open to the Little Wollies children and parents at 8:45am. Parents are invited in to play and help their child settle at an activity until approximately 9:00am. When your child is feeling settled, you are welcome to say goodbye and leave.
- Students are to be collected at the door by a parent/guardian/authorised adult at 2:45pm.

Staggered Start:

- The first day of Little Wollies for your child will be scheduled as a 'Come and Play Morning'. You will attend with your child (between 9am and 11am) so that they can build confidence in the space and with their new teachers and peers with the safety and reassurance of you by their side.
- The second session for your child will be scheduled as a half day where they attend on their own.
- The third session for your child will be scheduled as their first full day of Little Wollies. We understand that some children may need a few more half days to allow them to transition successfully. Please communicate with your child's teacher should you feel that this is what they need, and we will work with you to develop a plan that is supportive of your child's needs. If your child is finding the transition challenging, we may also ask for your support by asking you to stay with your child while they building their feeling of security in transitioning to school.

Uniform requirements:

All clothing must be clearly marked with your child's name.

All year – Boys and Girls

- JWACS Red polo sports shirt
- JWACS Navy hat – bucket style with reversible House colour (Please note that this is to be worn to and from school each day)
- Gumboots – Any colour. These will be kept at school for wet weather play.
- Rain jacket (available from the Uniform Shop but can be one from home)



Other things that your Little Wollies will need to bring each day:

- A small cushion for rest time
- Your special Calico Little Wollies bag from Orientation
- A drink bottle filled with water
- Fruit or vegetables for recess (and an extra healthy snack in case they get hungry)
- A lunchbox with a small, healthy lunch
- Spare clothes including underwear and socks (in case of an accident or getting wet from water play)
- A backpack to carry their belongings
- A comfort teddy/blanky, if needed.

Homework:

- No homework is allocated for the children in Little Wollies, however, we do encourage you to read to your child each day, sing nursery rhymes together and spend lots of time having conversations with your child. Oral language development is a key precursor to learning to read and write and therefore an essential skill to develop in your child.

KINDERGARTEN

Attendance Times:

- The doors to Kindergarten open at 8:30am. Parents are invited in to help their child settle for the morning, by doing an activity, doing a puzzle or reading a story until approximately 8:45am. At this time, please help your child to tidy up what they have been doing for the morning, say goodbye and ask them to sit on the mat.
- Students are to be collected by a parent/guardian/authorised adult at 2:45pm. Children are required to be collected from the classroom door.
- Kindergarten students are unable to use the Kiss and Drive area as stated on Page 9.

Staggered Start:

- There will be a staggered start in the first week of Kindergarten to help your child to transition into school after the Christmas holiday break. Details of your child's staggered start will be provided at the Parent Information Session.

Library:

- The children will borrow books from our School Library. A selection of appropriate books will be taken to the classroom for the children to choose from. Please supply a Library bag (available from the Uniform Shop) for your child to take their books between school and home.

Screenings:

- Community Health Nurse:
 - During the year, the Community Health Nurse will conduct their school entry health screening. This is the last in a series of screens that your child will have had from birth, monitoring their development. The screen includes testing for any hearing or sight concerns. Further information and forms related to this screening will be sent out to you during the course of the year.
- Speech and Occupational Therapy Screening:
 - All children in Kindergarten will have a speech and occupational therapy screening in first semester. The cost of these screens has been included in your fees. If your child already attends speech therapy or occupational therapy, please provide us with a report from your provider and we will exempt your child from the school screenings.
 - Information will be sent out prior to the screening and we will collect some information from you to assist with building a picture of your child's history.
 - Following the assessments, parents are provided with a comprehensive report and you will have a time scheduled to discuss the reports in detail with your child's teacher. Should any referrals be required, your child's teacher will assist you with this.

Homework:

- Reading each day with your child is essential.
- From time to time we will send home tasks related to the unit of inquiry or sounds we are learning. Please assist your child with these tasks.
- Lots of talking and conversation will further your child's language skills and help him/her feel more confident about communicating with others at school.
- Encourage counting in sequence and counting objects.
- **The most important homework you can do is spend quality time together as a family, engage in lots of conversation and give your child opportunities to play with other children.**

PRE-PRIMARY

Attendance Times

- The children in Pre-Primary attend school Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 3:00pm.
- The children are welcomed into the classroom from 8:15am. Please encourage your child to complete their routine morning tasks to build their independence.

Specialist Classes

- In Pre-Primary, the children will commence specialist classes. These specialists will be Art, Digital Technologies, Music, Japanese and Physical Education. The children will participate in these classes weekly. They will also attend the Library to borrow books. The days for each of these classes will be given to you at the Parent Information Session at the beginning of the school year.
- Specialist teachers will begin teaching their classes in the Pre-Primary classrooms in order to support the children's transition to full time schooling and building relationships with their new teachers. At the end of Term 1, the classes will then transition across into our purpose-built specialist classrooms on the main campus.
- The children will require the following items for specialist classes from Pre-Primary:
 - o Art: Art shirt (available from the Uniform Store) that remains at school. It will be sent home as needed for washing. Please ensure that it is clearly labelled with your child's name.
 - o Library: The children must have a library bag to be able to borrow. School book bags can be purchased from the Uniform Store. Please note that children who have forgotten to return their books will not be allowed to borrow again until their book is returned. If a book is overdue, a note will be sent home as a reminder. The note states the cost of replacing the book if it cannot be found. This amount does not need to be paid if the book is returned.
 - o House Shirt: Your child will wear their coloured House shirt two days per week and these days will be given to you at the beginning of the school year.

Homework:

(15 to 20 minutes per day)

- In Pre-Primary, a Home Reading Program is introduced which will continue into Year 1 and Year 2. Revision pages for phonics word lists covered in class will also be sent home. You are encouraged to spend time doing this each night with your child.
- Practise Maths concepts/counting.
- From time to time we will send home tasks related to the unit of inquiry. Please assist your child with these tasks.
- Life skills such as completing chores around the home are important.
- **The most important homework you can do is spend quality time together as a family, engage in lots of conversation and give your child opportunities to play with other children.**

YEAR 1

Attendance Times

- The children in Year 1 attend school Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 3:00pm.
- The children are welcomed into the classrooms from 8:15am. Please encourage your child to complete their routine morning tasks to build their independence.

Specialist Classes

- In Year 1, the children will attend specialist classes. These classes are Art, Digital Technologies, Music, Japanese and Physical Education. The children will participate in these classes weekly. They will also attend the Library to borrow books. The days for each of these classes will be given to you at the Parent Information Session at the beginning of the school year.
- The children will require the following items for specialist classes:
 - o Art: Art shirt (available from the Uniform Store) that remains at school. It will be sent home as needed for washing. Please ensure that it is clearly labelled with your child's name.
 - o Library: The children must have a library bag to be able to borrow. School book bags can be purchased from the Uniform Store. Please note that children who have forgotten to return their books will not be allowed to borrow again until their book is returned. If a book is overdue, a note will be sent home as a reminder. The note states the cost of replacing the book if it cannot be found. This amount does not need to be paid if the book is returned.
 - o House Shirt: Your child will wear their coloured House shirt two days per week and these days will be given to you at the beginning of the school year.

Homework:

(15 to 20 minutes per day)

- A home reading program will be sent home and books swapped weekly. Revision pages for phonics word lists covered in class will also be sent home. You are encouraged to spend time doing this each night with your child.
- Practise Maths concepts/counting.
- From time to time we will send home tasks related to the unit of inquiry. Please assist your child with these tasks.
- Life skills such as completing chores around the home are important.
- **The most important homework you can do is spend quality time together as a family, engage in lots of conversation and give your child opportunities to play with other children.**

YEAR 2

Attendance Times

- The children in Year 2 attend school Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 3:00pm.
- The children are welcomed into the classrooms from 8:15am. Please encourage your child to complete their routine morning tasks to build their independence.

Specialist Classes

- In Year 2, the children will attend specialist classes. These classes are Art, Digital Technologies, Music, Japanese and Physical Education. The children will participate in these classes weekly. They will also attend the Library to borrow books. The days for each of these classes will be given to you at the Parent Information Session at the beginning of the school year.
- The children will require the following items for specialist classes:
 - Art: Art shirt (available from the Uniform Store) that remains at school. It will be sent home as needed for washing. Please ensure that it is clearly labelled with your child's name.
 - Library: The children must have a library bag to be able to borrow. School book bags can be purchased from the Uniform Store. Please note that children who have forgotten to return their books will not be allowed to borrow again until their book is returned. If a book is overdue, a note will be sent home as a reminder. The note states the cost of replacing the book if it cannot be found. This amount does not need to be paid if the book is returned.
 - House Shirt: Your child will wear their coloured House shirt two days per week and these days will be given to you at the beginning of the school year.

Homework:

(15 to 20 minutes per day)

- A home reading program will be sent home and books swapped weekly. Revision pages for phonics word lists covered in class will also be sent home. You are encouraged to spend time doing this each night with your child.
- Practise Maths concepts/counting.
- At times, we will send home tasks related to the unit of inquiry. Please assist your child with these.
- Life skills such as completing chores around the home are important.
- **The most important homework you can do is spend quality time together as a family, engage in lots of conversation and give your child opportunities to play with other children.**

Transition from the ELC:

- For the first 3 weeks of Year 2, students must be collected from the classroom by an authorised adult or older sibling while they are becoming familiar with the layout of the main campus.
- Students who catch the bus will be collected from their bus in the morning and escorted to their bus in the afternoon by an Education Assistant for the first five weeks of Term 1 as they build to walking independently.
- If you have children to collect in both the ELC and Year 2, please collect children from the ELC first. The Year 2 teachers will stay with the children until they are collected.
- In Week 4 and 5 of Term 1, staff will be rostered in the afternoon to walk children to the ELC and the 'Kiss and Drive' in the main carpark so they become familiar with the safest route to take. Please notify your child's teacher if you would like them to walk over to the ELC or the Kiss and Drive area so that we can ensure that they are collected by the rostered staff member.
- From Week 6 of Term 1, the Year 2 children will be able to independently make their way to the 'Kiss and Drive' in the main carpark, to the ELC and to the bus.
- In the first five weeks of Term 1, the Year 2 students are rostered to play in the playground and courtyard areas only while they are becoming familiar with the main Primary campus. They are not permitted to access the oval until the beginning of Week 6 when they feel more comfortable navigating the grounds.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Little Wollies

- JW Red polo shirt
- JW Navy hat – bucket style with reversible House colour

Kindergarten to Year 2

Summer (Terms 1 and 4) – Boys and Girls

- Primary sports shorts 'JW'
- JW Red polo sports shirt
- House colour polo shirt (Pre-Primary - Year 2 – to be worn two days per week – you will be notified which days in the first week of Term 1)
- Tracksuit top – if required
- JW Navy hat – bucket style with reversible House colour (Please note that this is to be worn to and from school each day)
- JW Sports socks navy with red and white stripe
- Sneakers – predominantly white with white laces/velcro, not boot style
- Chiropak backpack or trolley school bag (must be used from Pre-Primary)



Winter (Terms 2 and 3) – Boys and Girls

- Sports tracksuit top and pants
- Red polo sports shirt
- House colour polos shirt (Pre-Primary to Year 2)
- Navy hat – bucket style with reversible House colour (Please note that this is to be worn to and from school each day)
- Sports socks navy with red and white stripe
- Sneakers – predominantly white with white laces/velcro, not the boot style
- Chiropak backpack or trolley school bag (must be used from Pre-Primary)

Wet Weather Gear (Kindergarten - Year 1)

- Wet weather jacket and overpants must be packed in your child's bag every day, regardless of weather or timetable (available from the Uniform Shop)
- Umbrellas are not permitted for safety reasons
- Each child is to bring in a pair of gumboots that will kept at school from the beginning of the year

Swimming Lessons

- John Wollaston School bathers
- John Wollaston Swimming bag

All uniform items must be clearly marked with your child's name.

General requirements

- Sunglasses are permitted for outdoor play times
- Library bag (from Kindergarten)
- Art Smock (from Pre-Primary)

Jewellery

- Students are permitted to wear a plain wrist watch, a simple gold or silver chain with/without a crucifix or cross, and a Medic Alert bracelet or necklace if applicable.
- Students with pierced ears are permitted to wear one single or one matching pair of plain, gold or silver studs (no jewels) or sleepers (one in each earlobe). Clear plastic spacers are not permitted in pierced holes.
- Fundraising jewellery such as wrist bands and badges may be worn at the discretion of the Principal.
- The School is sensitive to cultural traditions. However, examples of what is not permitted include decorative earrings, necklaces, rings, bracelets, ankle chains and other body piercing (e.g. nose, eyebrow, tongue and tragus).

Appearance and Cosmetics

- Students may not alter or enhance their appearance by artificial means. This includes the following (but is not an exhaustive list): hair extensions, eyelash extensions/false eyelashes, fake tans or false nails.
- Nail polish is not permitted. Fingernails are to be kept clean and trimmed short.
- The School is sensitive to cultural traditions. However, examples of what is not permitted include tattoos, real or fake and other forms of body decoration or branding.

Hairstyles

- Hairstyles are expected to be clean, neat and out of the eyes.
- Hairstyles are expected to be conservative. Excessively fashionable hairstyles are not acceptable. The discreet use of styling aids is acceptable.
- Hair is to be no shorter than a number 2 blade. The layering of hair should not be extreme.
- Skullards, Flat tops, mohawks, undercuts, tracks or any other designs cut into the hair are not permitted.
- If hair is collar length or longer, it must be tied back using narrow elastic hair bands or scrunchies in one of the School colours being white, navy blue or red, or matching the child's hair colour. Combs, clips and slides are used to keep hair tidy and should be in School colours. Hair ribbons, ties or clips in the House colours may be worn on House event days.
- Acceptability of any hairstyle/colour is at the discretion of the Principal and students will be expected to adjust their hairstyle/colour without question if required.



Tara Uniforms

Tara Uniforms are located at Unit 2/2 Panama Street (Cnr Nicholson Road), Canning Vale WA 6155. Please telephone Tara Uniforms on 0401 198 918 or 6148 5020 (during opening hours) to enquire about trading hours or refer to the School website: <https://www.jwacs.wa.edu.au/uniforms>. Online orders can be placed via <https://www.tarauniforms.com.au/john-wollaston-ac/>

APPENDIX A

Infectious Diseases Information

The danger of infection from the presence at school of children suffering from infectious diseases arises chiefly from the attendance at two stages:

- whilst suffering from the early symptoms
- when recovering from the disease but still retaining some infection in their person or clothing.

Public Health Regulations for exclusion periods are set for your information:

- Chicken Pox – exclude from school for at least five days after the rash appears and until vesicles have formed crusts. Re-admit when sufficiently recovered. Some remaining scabs are not an indication for continued exclusion (Contacts: do not exclude.)
- Conjunctivitis – exclude from school until discharge from eyes has ceased. Re-admit when sufficiently recovered. (Contacts: do not exclude.)
- Measles – exclude from school for four days after the onset of the rash. Re-admit on medical certificate of recovery. (Contacts: do not exclude immunised or previously infected contacts.) Non-immunised contacts should be excluded for 14 days after the appearance of rash in the last case identified in the school. If susceptible contacts are vaccinated within 72 hours of their first contact with the first case, then they may return to school following vaccination.
- Mumps – exclude from school for nine days after onset of symptoms. Re-admit on medical certificate of recovery. (Contacts: do not exclude.)
- Ringworm – exclude from school until 24 hours after treatment has commenced. Re-admit on medical certificate of recovery that the child is no longer likely to convey infection. (Contacts: do not exclude.)
- Rubella – exclude from school for four (4) days after onset of rash. Re-admit on medical certificate of recovery. Refer pregnant contacts to their doctor. (Contacts: do not exclude.)
- Scabies – exclude from school until the day after effective treatment has commenced. Family contacts will probably be infected and should be treated. (Contacts: do not exclude)
- Pediculosis (nits) – exclude from school until the day after effective treatment has commenced. Family contacts will probably be infected and should be treated. (Contacts: do not exclude.)
- Impetigo (School Sores) – exclude from school for 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has commenced. Lesions on exposed skin surfaces should be covered with a waterproof dressing. (Contacts: do not exclude.)

APPENDIX B

Screen Time Recommendations

Screen time is the time spent using electronic media like watching TV or movies, playing on computers, laptops, smart phones or other handheld electronic devices and video game consoles. These devices are often used while sitting or lying down and contribute heavily to the amount of time people of all ages spend being inactive

The Australian Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines recommend limits on sedentary behaviour and screen time for all ages:

0-2 years of age:

- no more than one (1) hour at a time being sedentary, restrained or inactive
- no screen time.

2-5 years of age:

- no more than one (1) hour at a time being sedentary, restrained or inactive
- no more than 60 minutes per day of screen time.

5-12 years of age:

- minimise time spent sitting or lying down
- no more than two (2) hours per day of screen time.

Reference: https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/Screen-time

APPENDIX C

Child Car Restraints

It is important to remember that when you are transporting a child in a car, you must have him/her correctly restrained in a car seat or booster seat.

Here are the minimum legal requirements for using child restraints and booster seats in Australia:

- Children under six (6) months: Must use a rear-facing child restraint with an inbuilt five point harness. They must not sit in the front row if the vehicle has two or more rows of seats.
- Children aged six (6) months up to four years: Must use a rear-facing or forward-facing child restraint with an inbuilt harness. They must not sit in the front row if the vehicle has two or more rows of seats.
- Children aged four (4) years up to seven years: Must use a forward-facing approved child restraint with an inbuilt harness, or an approved booster seat with a properly fastened and adjusted seatbelt or child safety harness. They can sit in the front row only if all other rear seats are occupied by children under seven years, in vehicles with two or more rows of seats.
- Children aged seven (7) years and older: If your child still fits in a child car restraint or booster seat, continue to use it until they outgrow it. Children must use a properly adjusted and fastened child restraint or adult seatbelt, depending on their size. When deciding whether your child is big enough to sit on the vehicle seat and use adult seatbelts do the “Five Step Test”. He/She is ready when he/she can:

1. Sit with his/her back firmly against the seat back.
2. Bend his/her knees comfortably over the front of the seat cushion.
3. Sit with the sash belt across his/her mid-shoulder.
4. Sit with the lap belt across the top of his/her thighs.
5. Stay in this position for the whole car trip.

These are the minimum legal requirements in Australia. It’s always safest to keep your child in a child restraint or booster seat for as long as possible, depending on his/her size.

For more information see:

Kidsafe WA at <http://www.kidsafewa.com.au/>

The Australian Parenting Website at <https://raisingchildren.net.au/>

