

General School Information for Parents

School and Nursery Opening Hours:

Nursery (a.m.)	Monday to Friday: 8.55a.m. - 11.30a.m.
Nursery (p.m.)	Monday to Friday: 12.30p.m. - 3.05p.m.
Nursery (full-time)	Monday to Friday: 8.55a.m. - 3.05p.m.
P1 & P2:	Monday to Thursday: 8.55a.m. - school start time
10.30-10.45a.m. -	Morning Break
12.00-1.00p.m. -	Lunch
3.05p.m. -	home time
Friday: 8.55a.m. -	school start time
10.30-10.45a.m. -	Morning Break
12.00noon -	home time
P3-P7:	Monday to Thursday: 8.55a.m. - school start time
10.30-10.45a.m. -	Morning Break
12.20-1.00p.m. -	Lunch
3.20p.m. -	home time
Friday: 8.55a.m. -	school start time
10.30-10.45a.m. -	Morning Break
12.10noon -	home time

School Uniform:

Nearly every child in the school is fully kitted in school uniform and they look fabulous. School uniform is either a grey/white/yellow polo shirt, a grey, yellow or brown sweatshirt, grey or brown trousers/skirt and black or brown shoes. Tie/blazer are optional, although you can buy a school fleece in school colours. Any other colours would not be school uniform. Children are rewarded when they wear school uniform. Please contact school if you would like to order uniform or need support with uniform. Please make sure that you have every item of clothing – uniform, coat, gym kit etc with your child's name on it.

Please send into school any items of laundered uniform that your child has outgrown, as it is very useful to have in school. This will be much appreciated.

Jewellery:

Children should not come to school wearing jewellery. Please keep jewellery for the weekends and holidays. It would be a shame if jewellery were to get broken or lost. Jewellery should not be worn in the gym hall or the school playground for health and safety reasons.

Home Learning:

An exciting new approach to home work!

Each child is issued with a home learning folder which contains their tasks to be completed over one, two or three weeks.

This is a new way of doing our homework in the school and your thoughts would be appreciated on the process.

Your child will have homework to do – if this is not the case, please contact the school. Please sign your child's homework diary when you are satisfied that homework has been completed.

Tools of the Trade:

We still have one or two children coming into school unprepared for learning. What does this mean? It means that they don't have all the equipment they need for their day's learning. Please ensure that each day your child has:

1. a school bag
2. their homework diary
3. any books necessary for homework
4. a pencil, a ruler and a rubber

PE Kit:

Your child's class teacher will have informed the children on which days they will have PE. Your child should have a gym kit to participate safely and healthily. Gym kit consists of a T-Shirt, shorts and gym rubbers. As children move onto mats – it is not hygienic for children to wear outdoor shoes in the gym hall, so gym rubbers should be kept exclusively for PE. Kit should come in clean every Monday and go home for washing on a Friday. Kit will remain in your child's gym bag on his or her peg until the Friday. If the kit is here all week this reduces the likelihood of someone not having their PE kit on a specific day, when they need it.

Punctuality:

We are delighted to say most pupils arrive on time in their line – thank you for ensuring this. However, there are still one or two pupils arriving late. We cannot express enough the importance of your child being punctual so they can experience all the teaching and learning for their class.

Off Sick:

Our system of phoning parents when children are late really only works if parents telephone us when their child is absent.

Unfortunately, the office staff have to call the same parents on a regular basis – this is very time consuming and costly! If your child is unwell or is absent for another reason please contact the school to let us know – thank you.

If late...

A huge reminder to please call the school as early as possible if your child is going to be late. Most parents do remember to call us, as they understand why this system is in place. My thanks to all whom do so each day. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A FREE SCHOOL MEAL OR WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A SCHOOL MEAL WE HAVE TO INFORM THE KITCHEN PRIOR TO 9.30a.m SO THAT A MEAL WILL BE COOKED FOR YOUR CHILD. If we haven't had a call from you to ask us to order a lunch, we need you to bring your child with a packed lunch. If you know you are going to be late and require a lunch, call us by 9.30am.

Parents in the Playground:

Parents are asked to leave the playground when they hear the bell at 8.55am., and not to stand next to their children in the lines. This allows the teachers to bring the children into school calmly and quickly.

Lunch Boxes:

Many children have similar lunch boxes that hold packed lunches. Please can we ask that you put your child's name on his or her lunch box. Often there is more than one lunch box the same as another, despite our best attempts they can get muddled up. Please remind your child to eat only his or her lunch. This prevents others who have allergies eating or drinking something that is not suitable for them. As a Health Promoting School , we encourage the children to drink water. We ask that the children bring a plastic beaker or plastic

bottle of water each day. Glass bottles and cans are not allowed in school for safety reasons.

Dogs in the playground:

Dogs are not allowed in the playground.