

SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do you have a school uniform?

We expect all children to wear full school uniform. For more details please look at the school website.

What if something gets lost?

Please make sure all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name so that it can be returned if found. We collect lots of lost property items each term. Unclaimed items are sent to a charity shop.

Can my child wear jewellery in school?

For safety reasons children should not wear any jewellery in school. However, they may wear a wrist watch and if your child has pierced ears, small plain metal studs may be worn. These will need to be removed for P.E. lessons and if your child goes swimming.

Tell me about P.E.

Children should bring in P.E. kit to wear. Further details are available on the website (under uniform). We will respect special requests made for religious reasons. Please contact us if this applies to your child.

Is there any shade in the playground?

There is some shade in the playground. We recommend that during the hot weather your child brings a sun hat to wear in the playground.

What happens at lunchtime?

In EYFS and Reception, a school meal is available free. In KS2, children bring in a healthy packed lunch. Those children eligible for Free School Meals (Pupil Premium) can have a packed lunch provided free of cost.

Can I get free school meals?

If you think that your child is entitled to free school meals, please speak to a member of staff in the office.

Is drinking water available?

Water is available in the dining hall and from drinking fountains in the playgrounds. There is also water available in every classroom.

What should I do if my child is not well?

If your child is unwell then s/he should be kept at home. Please telephone school to let us know why your child is absent.

What happens if my child has an accident at school?

Unfortunately, sometimes children do have accidents or become unwell whilst they are at school and we need to call you. It can add to your child's distress if we are unable to contact you. Please ensure that we have up to date contact telephone numbers for you and tell us straight away if these change.

What time does school start?

Children should be in the playground ready to come into school by 8.45 a.m. It is important to develop good habits by arriving punctually every day.

How can I help my child settle into school?

Bring your child to school on time. Arriving late can mean that your child misses important information about the lesson. It can also be embarrassing for your child and is disruptive for the class.

What else can I do?

Please ensure that you attend parent/teacher consultation days and special events in school; help out with fundraising; offer to go on school trips; notify us of absences; read all the letters that your child brings home; support your child with homework; read together; give praise and encouragement.

What happens at the end of the day?

School finishes at 3.00 p.m. for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and 3.15 p.m. for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6. Children in Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 must be collected by a known adult. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you have completed a permission to walk home slip, they are permitted to go home without an accompanying adult. However, if they do not have a letter, they must meet the designated adult collecting them (or return if the adult is not present). Please let us know if someone different from usual is collecting your child.

Can I park on the premises?

No. There is no parking available for parents and carers. Please park your car away from the school gates and never park on the yellow zig-zag lines. The area outside school becomes very congested and is then unsafe for children arriving and leaving school.

What else is my child allowed to bring to school?

Children should not bring toys, sweets, mobile phones, valuables or money into school. We cannot be responsible for children's property.

When can I talk to the teachers?

Teachers are busy settling their classes first thing in the morning and can only receive the briefest of messages at that time. They are more easily available at the end of the day when they have dismissed their classes. Teachers are happy to make appointments to see you if you would like a longer chat.

Do you have after school clubs?

A full list of extra-curricular clubs is available on the website.

Do you have a school council?

Yes. Children are elected to the School Council by their class mates. The School Council meets regularly and discusses a range of issues.

Are children given homework?

We expect children to read at home every day. Depending upon your child's age, other tasks will be set, such as a maths activity, a topic to research or spellings to learn.

What if my child has special needs?

We can meet a variety of special needs in school. Please discuss your child's needs with the teacher. The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) will be happy to meet with you to discuss specific concerns.

What if my child can't speak English?

We have many children in our school who are learning English. We have some specialist staff who are available to help children in their acquisition of English as an additional language. We also have School Super Interpreters who will be able to help.

What should I do if I am worried about my child's progress?

Ask for an appointment to talk to the class teacher about your concerns. If you are still anxious, please ask to see the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, the Assistant Headteacher, the Deputy Headteacher or the Headteacher.