



Spring Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Unbelievably we are now at the end of yet another term! As we approach the half term break, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you again for your continued support.

If you ever have any queries, I can be found outside the front of school most days in the morning and at home time, your child's teacher will also be on the playground at the end of each day. For discussions of a more private nature, you can make an appointment to see me with the school office. In my absence Mrs Tracey or Mr Percival would be more than happy to talk to you. Please don't hesitate to speak to us should you need to.

Attendance

Every year we talk about attendance and how important it is. Children only get one chance at school, and your child's chances of a successful future will be affected if they don't attend school regularly. Setting good attendance patterns from an early age is crucial, if your child doesn't attend school regularly, they will struggle to keep up with their school work. Poor attendance can also affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up.

Being on time is also vital. Arriving late at school is very disruptive for your child, their teacher and the other children in the class. Please try to be punctual. Our school doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. Don't forget there are two schools almost next door to each other and traffic can be very busy, arriving in plenty of time will help to ensure your child is not late. Make every minute count!

A growing number of parents have been submitting requests for leave during term time. We know that good attendance is the key to successful schooling, but this is only possible if your child attends school every day. I cannot authorise leave during term time, and fines will be issued for 10 or more unauthorised absences.

Uniform

Our children are looking very smart in their school uniform. Just a quick reminder of what all children are required to wear:

- Black or grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers
- White school shirt or white polo shirt
- Navy blue jumper (with or without school badge) or navy-blue cardigan
- Black school shoes (**not trainers**) suitable for outside
- Headscarves should be white, blue or black.
- In the summer term only, blue and white checked summer dresses or grey or black short trousers may also be worn

You can purchase most of the uniform items from large supermarkets. For branded uniform jumpers, you can purchase these from Debonair, at the Indoor Market in Oldham. They can be contacted on 0161 620 0237.

If you have any questions about our school uniform policy, please contact the school office.

PE Kit

Your child will need a PE kit in school. This will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed. PE kit is as follows:

- Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- White t-shirt
- Trainers for outside
- Black pumps for indoors

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, small objects of religious significance and a watch. We ask that children either remove these objects during PE or cover them with tape.

Parking

Thank you to all of our parents who continue to be supportive around traffic issues outside of school. The most important thing we have to do is keep all of our children safe. There are however, still the usual issues with traffic and parking continuing. Please can I remind parents to park safely when dropping off and picking up each day. Please do not park on the yellow markings as this is illegal and will result in an £80 fine if you are caught on camera by the school safety car, please refrain from dropping children in the middle of the road and please also be mindful of our neighbours and try not to block driveways.



SATs

As you know, this is a very important time for Year 6 children, who have all been working very hard throughout the year preparing for their SATs. The tests will consist of reading, grammar and maths papers, and will take place the week beginning the 9th May 2022. The Year 6 teachers will be holding a meeting for parents on Thursday 17th March at 2.30pm. An email with further details will be sent out after half term.

Parents Evening

Wednesday 16th March and Wednesday 23rd March will be our Spring Parents' Evenings. Letters to enable you to book an appointment will be sent home on the 1st March. The meeting will give you an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher and have a look through their books. We look forward to seeing you at your appointment.

School Council/Head Boy and Girl

After the half term break we will be selecting our school councillors and appointing a Head Boy and Head Girl. Each class from Year 3 to Year 6 will have two councillors, a lead and a deputy. Children interested in these roles should complete an application form, which is available from their class teacher. Five children from each class will then be selected for interview. Head Boy and Head Girl will be selected from Year 6.

Jewellery

There are a number of children who are wearing jewellery to school. Please can you support us in ensuring children are not wearing bracelets, rings or necklaces. Hoop earrings are also not appropriate for school. Children with long hair need to have it tied back at all times.

February Half Term

A reminder that we break up for half term tomorrow, Friday 18th February. We return to school on Monday 28th February

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office and we will get back to you.

Mrs. Howarth