



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school today and see their smiling faces as they begin a new school year. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some special time together as a family.

As we begin the new school year, we wanted to share a few helpful reminders about our everyday routines and expectations. Keeping these consistent helps our school days run smoothly and, most importantly, means children can focus on learning, playing and enjoying being back with their friends.

Snacks and drinks

Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 will continue to have fruit provided for them, with milk also available (please see the office if you require more information about this), so they do not need to bring a snack from home.

Children in Key Stage 2 may bring a healthy snack to eat at morning break. Examples could include:

- fresh or dried fruit
- vegetable sticks
- rice cakes
- breadsticks
- oatcakes or crackers
- a small portion of cheese
- a low-sugar cereal bar

Our tuck shop will also be open each day at breaktime where KS2 children can purchase a healthy snack if they wish at a cost of 50p per item. Please remember that we are a nut-aware school, so snacks brought into school must not contain nuts.

Please send your child to school each day with a **named** drinks bottle. We encourage children to bring fresh water wherever possible, and water is always available in school for children to refill their bottles. However, we recognise that some children find drinking plain water difficult. In these cases, a small amount of sugar-free or no-added-sugar dilute/squash may be added to encourage children to stay well hydrated throughout the school day.

Please do not send fizzy drinks or energy drinks into school. These are not suitable for drinking during the school day and will not be permitted in children's drinks bottles.

Please can we also remind you that lunch boxes need to be named.

Uniform and PE days

We are proud of our children and want them to look smart and feel part of our school community. Please ensure children come to school wearing the correct school uniform each day. Footwear is black shoes, or completely black trainers.

On PE days, children should come to school wearing the agreed school PE kit so that they are ready to take part safely and comfortably.

Only stud earrings can be worn for school (No hoops). Children need to be able to remove their own earrings before taking part in PE, as staff cannot remove them for children. Ideally, earrings and other jewellery need to be left at home on PE days wherever possible for safety reasons.

Please ensure that everything is labelled, particularly jumpers!

Lost property is located in the glass corridor.

What does my child need to bring?

We're trying to keep this really simple! Children only need to bring:

- a named drinks bottle
- their reading book and reading diary

Please don't send toys, balls, trading cards, stationery, fiddle toys or other items from home. These can easily become lost, damaged or distracting during the school day.

We completely understand that some children benefit from sensory or fiddle resources to help them regulate and concentrate. Where these are needed, school will provide appropriate resources for the child to use, so there is no need to send them from home.

A reminder that children in F2 and Key Stage 1 should use book bags rather than backpacks. This isn't a new expectation, but our cloakroom space is very limited and unfortunately there simply isn't room to safely store larger backpacks.

Every minute matters

Finally, a reminder about the importance of children arriving at school on time and ready to learn. The beginning of the day is an important part of children's learning, and arriving even a few minutes late regularly can quickly add up to a significant amount of missed learning.

In the same way, we ask families to avoid collecting children before the end of the school day unless there is an exceptional reason. Learning continues right up until home time, and regular early collection means children miss valuable teaching and can also disrupt the learning of the rest of the class.

Thank you, as always, for your support in helping us keep expectations clear and consistent for all our children.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SRGraham', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Your Sincerely,
Mrs Graham