

School Dinners

The children have all returned to the school dining hall for their lunches this term.

Packed Lunches

Please send your child's packed lunch into school in either a solid plastic lunch box or a packed lunch bag which can be wiped after lunch. Please do not send your child's packed lunch into school in a shop carrier bag. Thank you.

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On the days your child has PE this term, can you please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on those days. Pupils can wear their PE t-shirt under their uniform sweatshirts or cardigans and can wear black jogging bottoms or black leggings instead of shorts and wear their plimsols.

Nursery — Tuesday AM & Friday PM

Reception — Monday & Wednesday

Year 1 — Thursday & Friday

Year 2 — Monday & Tuesday

Year 3 — Wednesday & Friday

Year 4 — Monday & Wednesday

Year 5 — Monday & Friday

Year 6 — Tuesday

Tuck Shop

We have started the pupils tuck shop again. This will be run by Year 6 pupils who will bring the tuck shop trolley into the KS2 yard at morning break time.

Please send in change (not notes) with your child.

Fresh fruit 30p

Box of raisins 30p

Other fruit based snacks 50p (fruit winders, sreen etc)

Sugar free Jelly pots 50p

Breakfast Club has resumed!

The club will still be split into two groups, KS2 will be in the main hall and Reception & KS1 who will be in the dining room.

There is no charge for the club as it is sponsored by Greggs.

The food that will be available will be cereal & milk and toast & butter.

HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS

We all want your children to be safe, and ask for you co-operation on the following:

DOGS Please be aware that dogs are **NOT** permitted on school premises.

SCOOTERS/BIKES Bikes & scooters are **NOT** permitted to be ridden anywhere in the school grounds, including through the car park.

Please always ensure your child dismounts before all of our school gates

Dinner Money / Free School Meals

School meals are £2.15 daily / £10.75 per week (for children in years 3-6). **Dinner money can be paid on the ParentPay system or via Paypoint at a local shop.** Paypoint cards can be purchased at a cost of £1.80 or codes are available from the school office. Accounts should be kept in credit for the week ahead, the office will prompt you if your child's account is low and we would appreciate prompt payment. **Two weeks notice** is also required when changing from school meals to packed lunches and visa versa.

Due to a Government initiative all Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils will be receiving a free hot meal. As a school we still need to know if your family would be entitled to claim free school meals if this initiative wasn't in place. Please can parents produce supporting evidence by **Friday 18th September** if you have not already done so. If you do not have any evidence, please call into the school office to speak to staff.

Home time arrangements

Please can parents let the school office or class teacher know if your child is going to be collected by anyone else other than the regular person at home time. **This applies to all children throughout the school, Nursery to Year 6.** Children can be made aware of who is collecting them, but unfortunately, we cannot allow pupils to go with another parent/person or walk home (older pupils) unless we have had this confirmed by their own parent/carer. **Pupils can only be collected by an adult over 16y/o.**

Year 5 & 6 pupils can walk home if their parent has sent in a consent letter to their class teacher beforehand.

Leave of Absence Forms

Please note that only in exceptional circumstances can requests for a leave of absence be authorised. Thank you to those parents/carers who have followed the correct procedures. Parents now need to complete a leave of absence form stating the dates of the requested period and the exceptional circumstances **why** you are taking your child out of school during term time. After consultation with Governors it has been agreed that the circumstances below are seen as exceptional and authorised leave of absence will be granted for the following only: **Wedding of a parent, Funeral of a close relative, National sporting activity. Any other request which does not fall into one of the above category's will be unauthorised.**

Starting School

Will your child turn 5 between
1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?

If so, you need to complete an application online to tell us which school you would like your child to attend from September 2022.

Visit www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. We encourage you to apply online wherever possible as although restrictions have been lifted, staff will in the main be working from home due to the Coronavirus pandemic. If you are unable to apply online, paper application forms are available on request.

You still need to apply even if your child attends the nursery unit attached to the school, or already has a sibling at the school. You will also need to apply for a place in Year 3 in a junior school for an older child.

Applications open 6 September 2021 and close midnight 15 January 2022.

For more information please contact

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