



Newbold Verdon Primary School

An information booklet for parents
of children soon to enter
Foundation Class



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Starting School

Very soon your child will be entering full-time school in the Foundation Class. We hope this booklet will be useful in answering any queries you may have.

You and your child will have the opportunity to meet the staff and visit the teaching area to address your questions.

The children who attend Honeysuckle Playgroup will have further opportunities to visit the classroom during their normal playgroup sessions. If your child attends another nursery or day care centre please contact the staff if you wish your child to have other visits.

Transition

New situations can cause anxiety for young children.

We aim to make the transition from Playgroup or Nursery as smooth as possible. Children from playgroup will know the staff as familiar faces and will have a programme of planned visits during the latter half of the summer term. They may visit for part of the afternoon to join activities such as music or story.

The children will find the layout, activities and resources in the Foundation class very similar to playgroup. They will be very familiar with the shared outdoor space.

Children who join our Foundation Class but have not attended our playgroup are given similar opportunities to meet their new teacher in the classroom with special visits arranged through the class teacher.

School times

The day begins promptly at 8.50 am when the school bell rings. If the staff are ready they may open the Foundation doors earlier to allow for staggered entry.

The structured activities offered at the beginning of the day allow you time to remain and play with your child until they are settled.

If you arrive late please enter by the main entrance. This is for security and to allow your child to be registered for the day.

The school day ends at 3.15 pm and your child should be collected from the Foundation class outer door. Please let staff know who will collect your child should it be different to usual. If you are unavoidably late please ring school as soon as possible. Your child will be safe at the front entrance until you arrive.



Uniform

Our uniform colours are grey, black, white and blue.

Girls wear grey or black skirts, pinafores or trousers, a white or royal blue polo shirt and blue sweatshirt or cardigan. Blue checked dresses can be worn in summer.

Boys wear grey or black trousers, white or royal blue polo shirts and blue sweatshirts. Shorts can be worn in the summer.

Black shoes must be worn.

Fleeces and outdoor coats are also available in school colours.

The uniform with school logo can be ordered from the school office.

P.E. kit consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls. P.E. bags are available from the office.

Please remember to label everything!

Lunchtimes

Shortly after the children enter Foundation, we invite parents to stay with their child for their first school lunch. There is a choice of hot meals or your child may prefer to bring a sandwich box.

We ask that no nut products are in the school lunches that you pack as we have some children in school who have severe allergic reactions to these products.

Payment for school dinners is made in advance, in an envelope and given to the class teacher. Payment may be made by cheque at the school office on a weekly, monthly or termly basis, again in advance. You may be eligible for free school meals and our school secretary will be able to advise you in confidence.

Snacks

Toast is available mid morning at a cost of 10p a day. The money can be paid daily or weekly and we encourage the children to be responsible for this. Milk is free to children aged 4 and subsidised at 60p a week for children aged 5. Fruit is available during afternoon playtime.

We encourage the drinking of water throughout the school day and ask that you provide a labelled water bottle for your child.

Outdoor play

We spend a lot of time learning through outdoor play. It is essential that your child is sent to school prepared for outdoor play with adequate clothing. If you have a spare pair of Wellington boots we can keep them in our store. The garden does become very muddy in the winter and spring when we dig and plant.

Reading

Children read every week individually and in guided groups. Please help us by hearing your child read every day at home. They will have a reading diary that we ask you to sign. Book bags for keeping school books clean and safe are available from the office.

Absence from school

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please inform us as soon as possible. Should you wish your child to be absent for any other reason, such as a family holiday, you must apply for absence by completing a holiday form, available from the school office

Parents in school

We are always looking for an extra pair of hands. This may be for reading, trips out, working with a group of children or just tidying up! If you can spare some time please let us know. You may want to work in your child's class or another area of school.

Finally

Should you have any concerns about your child's welfare or progress, please approach your child's teacher.

We aim to work together to make your child's education an enjoyable and enriching experience, with a confident transition into Foundation from pre-school.