

Uniform

Thank you for your support with our uniforms, everyone looks very smart. We will be reminding children of the uniform expectations this term as we will be monitoring it more closely after Christmas.

The only earrings that are acceptable are plain studs, one pair please. Make-up is not allowed. Hair must be tied back if long. We do not approve of shaved designs or hair colouring, in line with rules in secondary schools.

Children should be wearing a navy sweatshirt or cardigan, a white polo shirt, navy, black or grey trousers/shorts, skirts/pinafores, pale blue striped or checked summer dresses, with sensible black shoes.

All children are expected to have a P.E. kit. Children should be wearing a green polo or T-shirt, blue, black, grey or navy plain shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms depending on the weather. Children need daps or trainers. No logos please.

Please see Parent Handbook for further information.

We would be grateful for your support in maintaining standards as we believe it helps children prepare for secondary school where the consequences for not wearing the correct uniform can be missing free time. Consistency of uniform will also reduce competition between children (brands and logos) and support the DfE's recent focus on reducing uniform costs for parents. Supermarket brands are a great way to reduce costs, we do not insist on uniform including our school logo. We expect all children to be wearing the correct uniform after Christmas and you will be contacted if our policy is not being followed.

Inflatable Morning

All the children enjoyed their time on the inflatables. Thank you to Mrs Phelps and Mrs Matthews for arranging this.



Macmillan coffee morning 30th Sept: 11 am

We would like to support this very worthy charity by holding a coffee morning at school. Donations of cakes/biscuits (to be handed into reception on the morning please) would be appreciated.

Coffee/tea and cakes will be served at 11:00 am and everyone is welcome to attend.

Cakes that are left over can be purchased by the children after the event. You are welcome to send your child in with some money for this.

Who to contact with queries

A query about...	What to do/who to contact
Dates and club information	Check on the weekly newsletter
Uniform, Parent Pay, pre-school places, free school meal queries etc.	Phone or email school office (details at top of newsletter)
Benefits, emotional support for your child etc	Contact the school office for family support work
Class based queries	Contact your child's class teacher informally or phone the office to make an appointment.
Curriculum information	There is a lot of curriculum information on our website. Little Dormice and Dormice; make sure you have signed up to Tapestry where we post information about your child's achievements.
Special Needs	Contact the school office to speak to Mrs Jeavons, our Special Needs Co-ordinator
An unresolved concern	We hope that any concerns can be resolved through discussion with your child's teacher. But please contact Mrs Cotterell if needed. If an issue is still unresolved, Mrs Fawkes can be contacted and will support with the use of the Complaints Policy.

We expect all communication with all members of staff to be respectful and in partnership. Thank you

Although term time leave request forms are available from the office, this does not mean that holidays are authorized or the request will be granted. Please read the below regarding penalties:



Request for a leave of absence during term time

Parents should be aware that the law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. The Department for Education allows a Headteacher the discretion to consider authorising a leave of absence in term time only in "exceptional circumstances".

You may consider that a holiday will be educational but your child will still miss out on the teaching and learning that their peers will receive whilst your child is away. Children returning from a leave of absence during term time are also unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed and arrangements need to be made for individual children to catch up on missed work. Disruption to the continuity of teaching and learning is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

If requesting a leave of absence you will need to complete the form on the reverse of this notice, setting out the reasons. If the holiday is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance it will not be agreed. If you nevertheless take your child out of school for the leave of absence this **will be recorded as unauthorised leave**.

In the case of an unauthorised leave of absence the headteacher may request that the Local Authority issue a Fixed Penalty Notice without further warning to the parent.

Please note that such a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school.

A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days.

Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates' Court.