

STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Caring, Achieving, Respecting, Enjoying, Supporting



Wednesday 11th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an AMAZING week back with all of the children in school so far. We have welcomed our new Foundation Stage children who have arrived every day with huge smiles on their faces and have embraced school like champions. What an excellent start to the year!

REMINDERS

Start of the school day

Doors open at 8.50am, please ensure children are in classrooms by 9.00am at the latest.

End of the school day

Pupils should be collected at 3.15pm promptly. Whilst we know on occasion there may be an adhoc unavoidable reason why you may be late. Any consistent lateness or lateness with no valid reason will result in your child using the after school facilities at a charge of £5 per 15 mins.

School Bags

We do ask that children only bring a school book bag with their belongings in as we do not have the space for large rucksacks.

Uniform

Generally, everyone has come back looking very smart in their appropriate uniform. Just a few reminders please:

- Hair should be tied back if it is shoulder length or longer – this is to prevent the spread of head lice and for health and safety reasons.
- We ask that pupils do not have fashion hairstyles which include: shaving, dyed or streaked hair, beading, patterns and tramlines. Also, brightly coloured, large fashion hair accessories are not allowed.
- PE - Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on their relevant days (navy/black joggers or shorts, navy/black hoodie, coloured T-Shirt relating to their House, trainers). Children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE, please ensure these are removed for PE days - staff are not permitted to do this (this is a local authority rule – plasters over earrings are no longer allowed).
- We sometimes have a number of pupils wearing black trainers as school shoes, this is **not** part of our school uniform policy and school shoes should be leather

(or leather type). Please ensure this is adhered to unless there is a medical reason which staff have been notified about.

- **ALL CHILDREN will need wellies and a raincoat in school at all times to access OPAL at lunchtimes.**
- We encourage our Nursery children to wear a relaxed version of our school uniform - this helps the children to feel part of our school community and will be more practical for when the children are engaging in 'messy play' (navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan, dark joggers/leggings/shorts, blue checked sundress). You can purchase school uniform from Uniform Direct, or non-branded uniform from any local retailers.

Please see our 'School Uniform Policy' on our website for further details. Thank you for your support.

ATTENDANCE

I sent information out on 12th June regarding changes to the national attendance guidelines from the DFE. I have attached this again for information and also our updated school policy which comes into force from 1st September 2024. There is also a useful poster from the NHS regarding illness and absence from school [HERE](#)

PARKING REMINDER

Please **DO NOT**

- DOUBLE PARK – blocking the road for other vehicles and especially emergency services
- PARK ACROSS ANY DRIVEWAYS - residents need to get to work and can't get off their drives.
- PARK ON PAVEMENTS – we have many parents with pushchairs who are having to go into the road to get past cars blocking the pavement
- PARK ON GRASS VERGES – this churns up and kills the grass and makes the area unsightly
- PARK ON HEATHER CLOSE or DRIVE INTO HEATHER CLOSE - during drop-off and pick-up times

Please park at Stenson Fields Pub, Asda or further away from the school site and walk.

IMPORTANT DATES

17 September	Y4 Swimming starts
26 September	European Day of languages
27 September	Individual School Photographs
10 October	World mental health day
22/24 October	Parent Evenings (Face to face)
25 October	INSET – break up for half term
4 November	Children back in school
WB 11 November	Anti-Bullying week
15 November	Children In Need

22 November	Non-Uniform day (Sweet donations for Christmas Fair)
29 November	Christmas Fair
10 December	EYFS/KS1 Christmas concerts
11 December	EYFS/KS1 Christmas concerts
20 December	Christmas jumper day
	Break up for Christmas
6 January	School starts

INSET Days 2024/2025

Friday 25th October

Monday 24th February

Tuesday 22nd April

Monday 2nd June

Thank you for supporting the school and the children with such a positive start to the school year. We hope this will continue and we look forward to a superb Autumn term ahead!

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Mrs J Sadler

Headteacher

