



Ashbrook School

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24th July 2024

Important Information for September 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

Uniform and OPAL

In the summer term we launched our OPAL project, which puts an emphasis on the importance of Outdoor Play and Learning. Children spend 20% of their school week outside and we aim to make the most of every moment. To accommodate this, we will have a phased change to the uniform expectations. Our school uniform remains, however there will be the option for children to come to school in **black** jogging bottoms or **black** shorts and to wear **black** trainers instead of school shoes.

We are conscious that children will be playing on the grass, sliding, climbing and accessing more creative and sometimes messy play, so clothing which is less expensive and easier to wash will help. We will also ask that all children at school have a named pair of wellies and a named waterproof jacket in school for breaktimes and outdoor play (These will need to remain in school at all times). As the weather changes, we will continue to access the outdoor spaces so will make use of more appropriate clothing. *Please look out for our Powerpoint with photos of how it 'could look' and our wish lists.*

Attendance

The government has brought in more guidance for schools regarding attendance and punctuality and subsequent fixed penalty notices. Our monitoring of attendance and any lateness will be followed up. Arriving between **08:30** and **08:40** is on time. Any arrivals after **08:40** are late, even though the gates remain open. We ask that your child is their class line ready to come into class together with their peers in a calm way at 08:40. Daily lateness can negatively impact wellbeing and lead to missed learning time or key messages. More information about the changes will be shared in curriculum meetings in September.

Curriculum Information Sessions

In September parents will be invited to join us in school for curriculum information sessions. We highly recommend attendance at these sessions to find out all the key information you will need for the new year. There will be a discussion about routines, expectations, phonics, reading, maths and the wider curriculum.

- Year 2 (Tigers and Lions) 9th September 2024 at 14:30 *and repeated at 17:30*
- Year 1 (Zebras and Giraffes) 10th September 2024 at 14:30 *and repeated at 17:30*
- Foundation Stage (Elephants and Leopards) 11th September 2024 at 14:30 *and repeated at 17:30*



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Birthdays

From the start of the new academic year, we want to celebrate when children have a birthday. So that we can all wish people a very happy day we are allowing your child to come out of school uniform on the day nearest their birthday. They can wear something that makes them feel happy and we will all be sure to wish them a happy birthday.

Parent Help

Thank you to parents who have joined us at coffee mornings, special events and learning afternoons. In the coming year we would like to build on the connections and explore ways to involve parents throughout the year. We would love volunteers to support fundraising events for Ashbrook; perhaps help on the tuck shop stall; support and help with discos and fairs and even hands-on help with building and creating exciting new spaces in our playground.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ainscow".

Jamie Ainscow
Headteacher