

Transition to KS1



Welcome to Years 1 and 2!

We are so pleased to be teaching your children next year and we are looking forward to getting to know them over the first few days and weeks in the class.



Year 1 is run along similar lines to the Foundation Stage, in that there are lots of opportunities for independent learning which we call Investigation Time. The children will still have lots of time outside and will be able to choose their own learning paths.



There are also some changes from the Foundation Stage. Year 1 is a time of big change in your children as they become more independent and able to look after themselves and their belongings. We encourage the children to be as independent as possible and we ask for your support in this.

At the start of the day please drop your child at the outside door to the classroom between 8.40am and 8.55 am with their bags, coats and anything else they need for the day.

One of us will be available at the door to answer any questions or queries you may have. A teacher or a TA will be available in the cloakroom area to help the children find their pegs etc. Please note there is no need to change shoes. The children will be expected to put their coat, lunchbox, water bottle and book bag away independently and then make their way to the carpeted area, where there will be a morning activity for them to be getting on with. At the start of the year this is likely to be a book to look at or a short handwriting task. Please do not deliver your child to the carpet. This causes unnecessary disruption for the children already learning and reduces your child's independence skills.

If you need to see us for more than a very quick word, then please email the office to make an appointment, or ask us at the end of the day. We will always find time to see you and address any concerns you might have.

In Key Stage 1, we start teaching at 9am sharp. The gate is locked at 8.55am to allow the registers to be taken and lunches confirmed. If you arrive after this time, you will need to come in through the office where office staff will bring your child in to the classroom.

This year we are excited to have our year 1 and our year 2 children being taught in separate classes. The children starting year 2 will be very used to our area but there will be some changes that we will introduce to them slowly over the first few weeks. Ms Lyford/ Mrs Norman's class will enter from the same side as the year 1 children. We are hoping that Mrs Jordan/Mrs Parr's class will also enter from this side of the building but this is dependent on

progression of building work. Alternatively they will enter at the back of the school via the ramp by the white railings.

End of Day:

At the end of the day we will allow the children out to you one at a time. Please wait by the outside door. The children will bring out all their bags, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes with them. If there are any changes to the usual person collecting your child, then please let us know by completing a form in the classroom in the morning, or by ringing the office to let them know during the day.

Our approach:

In KS1 we firmly believe that children learn best through play, experience and investigative learning and this will remain the case for year 1 and year 2 now that we have separate classes.

Year 1 will have structured maths lessons but all other curriculum areas, topics and skills will be delivered and developed through a variety of approaches.

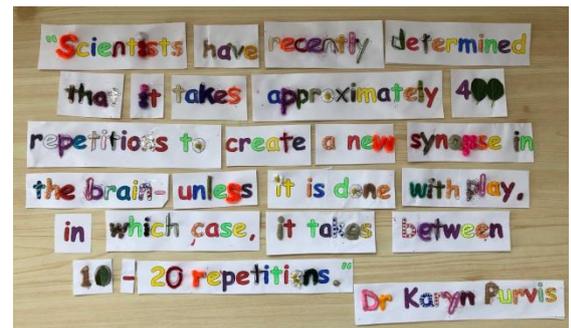
Although year 2 will have more formal lessons, every opportunity will be taken for them to learn through experience in a creative manner and through exploratory play.

PE kit needs to be named and in school every day. PE kit consists of a t shirt in your house colour (or a white one), navy blue or black shorts and a pair of trainers which can also be used as outside shoes. We will be doing PE twice each week and we will be flexible about when it is, so please ensure kit is always here. (Please try to ensure your child can fasten their own trainers!)

There is also an optional Cholsey School rugby top available for PE, which can be ordered through the uniform website, Make it Mine. Please note, for health and safety reasons, hoodies or hooded tops are no longer appropriate. As it is a legal requirement to partake in PE lessons, if a child does not have PE kit in school they will be required to wear some from lost property. We would rather children do not wear Earrings on PE days but if they cannot remove them themselves, we will need to tape them.

Snacks - Healthy snacks (fresh fruit, vegetables etc) are provided daily. All children should have a water bottle in school.

Lunch arrangements - children are taken to the hall by the teacher. Please continue to book your meals online and remind your child what they are having.



Children should wear **school uniform**. If they are scheduled to do Forest School, it is fine to wear non-school uniform and outdoor appropriate clothing instead.

Parents should ensure that children have the correct school uniform as follows:

- *Black or grey trousers / shorts / pinafore / skirt*
- *A white polo top / shirt*
- *A Cholsey / maroon jumper or cardigan (no hoodies or fleeces please)*
- *Black school shoes or dark coloured trainers*

Please can we ask that **no toys** are brought in from home. All stationery is provided by school. No pencil cases or other equipment from home is needed.

Home Learning is not compulsory, however we actively encourage you to provide as many opportunities as possible for out of school learning. We have a Home Learning section on our website where you will find a range of resources and links for home learning.

Year 1 -Your child will be provided with a **reading book** and this will be changed frequently, however you are more than welcome to pop in after school and swap your child's books with them - staff will show you where they are kept. Book changes will usually be recorded in a Yellow Home School book - please feel free to record any home reading if you wish.



Year 2- Your child will be provided with a bookmark within the first few weeks of term. This will have some information on it on how to support your child with reading and also which colour book we would like your child to be reading. We will not be changing the books for the children or recording in yellow books. However, we will encourage the children to change books themselves, or you are welcome to come in at the end of the day to select some. We would ask that the title of the book being read is recorded on the back of the bookmark and exchanged for a house point when it is filled in.

All children need to be read with as often as possible, ideally at least four times a week. If we feel there is something else that could be done at home to support your child's learning, then we will speak to you individually.

Home School Communication - should we need to speak to you we will always try to do so in person or telephone/email if necessary. Please note that we no longer communicate with parents via the Yellow Book. A curriculum letter is sent out each term which gives an overview of our learning for the term, and the school bulletin will keep you informed of any events taking place and other messages. Last year we trialled communicating a few points of interest every couple of weeks and as this has been successful, we will continue to do so.

Medication - Any medication that may need to be taken during the school day should be given to the class teacher or the school office. This will be kept in the classroom in a clearly marked medical box, out of children's reach. For Asthma inhalers, the date, time and number

of puffs will be recorded. You will need to complete a medical form at the office for any medication which needs to be kept at school.

PPA: Once a week the teachers have planning time and the children will be taught by other members of staff - this is usually the same staff each week and they will get to know your children very well.

Forest School - All children in KS1 attend Forest School on a rota basis. You will be advised which dates your child will attend and we will need 2 parent helpers for each session. We will inform parents of when they have been timetabled to help. If you cannot make your allotted slot, it would be extremely helpful to us if you can see if you can find another parent to swap with you. We are informed that most parents do this via Facebook although we are not involved with this.

Buddy reading - once a week (usually on a Friday afternoon) children in KS1 "buddy up" with an older child who listens to them read. This is a very rewarding experience for all the children and we see great progress in reading too!

Please also see the FAQ section on the school's website for other information.

We look forward to meeting your children on "Move Up Day" and will be available after school should you wish to say hello.

Regards KS1 Teachers

Miss Fabia



Miss Jones



Mrs Parr



Mrs Jordan



Ms Lyford



Mrs Norman

