



Bishop Aldhelm's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Pencil Case Expectations – Key Stage 2

As we approach the new academic year, we would like to inform you of some new expectations regarding the equipment that your child will need to bring to school from September. Due to the current budget constraints, we are facing significant challenges in providing all the necessary resources for our children's learning.

To support our efforts to maintain the high standard of education we strive for, we are introducing a new expectation that all children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) will need to bring their own pencil case from September. Having your child bring their own equipment will greatly assist us in ensuring they have the necessary tools to continue their learning.

We also recognise the pressure that parents sometimes feel to buy high value items for pencil cases. These new expectations will reduce this pressure to buy expensive items.

To ensure that your child's pencil case is organised and easily identifiable, please ensure that it has their name clearly written on it. The following items are essential:

- Clear pencil case - example <https://www.tesco.com/groceries/en-GB/products/279412886> - £1.00
- A blue handwriting pen (not biro or fountain pen) - example <https://www.tesco.com/groceries/enGB/products/257478720> - £2.20 for 2
- A pencil - example <https://www.tesco.com/groceries/en-GB/products/257179890> - £1.00 for 12
- A ruler - example <https://www.tesco.com/groceries/en-GB/products/271277113> - £0.35
- A rubber - example <https://www.tesco.com/groceries/en-GB/products/308410913> - £1.00 for 2
- A pencil sharpener - example <https://www.tesco.com/groceries/en-GB/products/252861435> - £0.40
- Colouring pencils - example <https://www.tesco.com/groceries/en-GB/products/287130153> - £3.25
- Dry wipe board pen and rubber
- A glue stick (optional)

The examples above are from Tesco but you can purchase similar items from various stores and perhaps at a more competitive price. We ask that children do not bring in gel pens or rubbers with a fragrance as there is no need for them in school.



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Please note that we will provide additional support for children who may struggle to obtain these items. However, having your child bring their own equipment will greatly help us to maintain the quality of their learning experience.

If your child receives Pupil Premium funding and you would like support purchasing these items, please email office@bishopaldhelms.poole.sch.uk. If you believe your child is now eligible to receive Pupil Premium please visit the following websites for further details.

Pupil Premium Entitlement Information

[Free school meals | BCP](#)

[Pupil Premium | Bishop Aldhelm's CE Primary School and Pre School](#)

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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