



Parent/carer pack

Kidsgrove Primary School

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Kidsgrove Primary School.

We very much look forward to getting to know you and to working in close partnership in order to ensure your child settles happily, enjoys school life and fulfils his or her full potential.

We hope that this booklet contains useful information to support your introduction to Kidsgrove Primary School however if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your Class teacher, the office or myself.

With Best Wishes,

Emma Johnson

Headteacher



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Our visions and values

Chinese Bamboo Tree Vision Story of Growth



Our vision is that in our life journey, we go through ups and downs: risk-taking, decisions, challenges and much more... we use these experiences to empower us and grow resilience as life long learners. It is the consistency of high input and high expectations daily that overtime give growth for our learners to be the best than can be and to achieve their aspirations and dreams.

Our whole school values are at the core of everything we do.

The values underpin our teaching and learning, and provide an environment which prepares our pupils as confident, happy citizens and offer a whole school consistency which allows our children to become reflective, resilience life long learners.

<u>Value</u>	<u>Rule</u>
Respect	We always show respect for ourselves, each other and our school.
Excellence	We always do our very best.
Friendship	We always follow our friendship code.
Courage	We always tackle challenges and try being brave.
Determination	We are determined to get our school to outstanding
Inspirational	We will always be good role models to inspire our school.
Equality	We are always fair and value every individual.

Staff list

Headteacher Mrs Emma Johnson

Inclusion and Safeguarding Senior Leader Miss Lucy Newbon

Teaching and Learning Senior Leader Mr Tom Brookes

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) Miss Lucy Newbon



Class teacher (Mice) Mrs Nicola Cartwright

Class teacher (Rabbits) Miss Lucy Newbon

Class teacher (Squirrels) Miss Amilia Foster / Miss Bethany Thorley

Class teacher (Foxes) Miss Abbie White

Class teacher (Badgers) Mr Tom Brookes

Class teacher (Owls) Mr Tim Janvier

Higher level teaching assistant (HTLA) Mrs Donna Riley

Teaching assistant (TA) Mrs Deb Armstrong

Teaching assistant (TA) Mrs Lynne Jones

Teaching assistant (TA) Mrs Katrina Williams

Teaching assistant (TA) Mrs Marlena Tomlinson

Teaching assistant (TA) Mrs Jayne Wilshaw

Teaching assistant (TA) Mrs Yvonne Brough

Teaching assistant (TA) Mrs Jenny Quayle

Teaching assistant (TA) Mrs Lynne Boyson

Teaching assistant (TA) Mr David Tinsley



Office manager Mrs Angela Butler

Caretaker Mr Mark Polles



School dates

Autumn Term 2024

Inset day: Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September

Term Starts: Wednesday 4 September

Half Term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Term Ends: Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2025

Inset day: Monday 6 January

Term Starts: Tuesday 7 January

Half Term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Term Ends: Friday 11 April

Holiday: Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

Summer Term 2025

INSET Day: Monday 28 April

Term Starts: Tuesday April

May Day: Monday 5 May

Half Term: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Inset day: Monday 21 July

Holiday: Tuesday 22 July – Friday 29 August



Timing of the school day

Doors open for all children at 8.40am. Formal learning will commence by 8.45am, so all children need to be in and ready for the exciting day ahead. Doors will close promptly at 9am. Pupils will not arrive via the main office, unless late. A late mark will be given to pupils who arrive after 9am and attendance daily is compulsory for all pupils. A polite reminder holidays are not permitted in the school term. Holidays and persistent late arrivals can result in local authority fines.

Pupils in EYFS will finish the school day at 3.15-3.20pm Nursery,
3.20-3.25pm Reception. Pupils in Y1 – 6 will finish at 3.30pm.



Illness and Medication

Illness and Emergencies

If a child becomes ill or sick at school, parents are contacted by telephone so that they can arrange for their child to be collected.

Qualified First Aiders deal with cuts and grazes, etc.

Emergency telephone contact numbers must be provided – home, work, friend etc.

Please remember to notify the school immediately of any change in address or telephone number.

If your child has sickness or diarrhea in the night or before coming to school, please keep him/her at home for 48 hours.

Medicines

In order to comply with regulations laid down by Health & Safety at Work Act, schools are being advised that any medication required during the school hours should be administered by parents/ carers. We will, however, administer prescribed medicines and medicines for chronic illnesses such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, etc. as instructed.

A medical consent form must be completed with full details of medical condition and this must be discussed with our First Aid Administrator, in the school office.

Please give antibiotics before and after school.

Ideally, it is better if parents keep control of all medicines prescribed for short term illnesses. However, if you need us to administer prescription medicine, it is essential that you complete the relevant form at the school office, giving full details and consent.

School is not able administer any non-prescription medication.

Medical Conditions

If your child has a medical condition or sustains an injury, we would ask that you make an appointment to discuss it with our office staff, so that a Health Care Plan can be set up for your child.



Breakfast Club

We have a breakfast club. This is from 7.30am and children can arrive up until 8.30am. As well as a healthy and nutritious breakfast, children can take part in activities including morning 'wake up and shake up' and reading activities. You can book through the office @ £3.50 per session through parentpay.



School Uniform

Uniform is an important way of ensuring that children feel that they belong to their school community and can learn to take pride in their appearance. This is also excellent preparation for high school.

Our school uniform is compulsory. Please ensure that your child wears the correct Kidsgrove Primary uniform each day.

Our uniform consists of:

	Boys	Girls
Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Polo Shirt / White Shirt • Purple Sweatshirt (N - Y4) • KPS Blazer and purple tie (Year 5 and 6); optional Black V neck jumper to wear under blazer • Dark Grey Trousers • Black Shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Polo Shirt / White Blouse • Purple Sweatshirt (N - Y4) • KPS Blazer and purple (Year 5 and 6); optional Black V neck jumper to wear under blazer • Dark Grey Trousers / Skirt / Pinafore Dress • Black or Grey Tights • Black Shoes
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Polo Shirt / White Shirt • Purple Sweatshirt (N - Y4) • KPS Blazer and purple tie (Year 5 and 6) • Dark Grey Trousers or Shorts • Black Shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Polo Shirt / White Blouse • Purple Sweatshirt (N - Y4) • KPS Blazer (Year 5 and 6) • Dark Grey Trousers / Skirt / Pinafore Dress • Purple and White Gingham Summer Dress • Black Shoes
P.E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purple T-Shirt • Black Shorts / Jogging bottoms • KPS Purple Hoodie • Trainers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purple T-Shirt • Black Shorts / Jogging bottoms / Leggings • KPS Purple Hoodie • Trainers

These items can be EITHER a generic item or a branded item with the school logo.

A Friday is Fitness Friday for the whole school. Pupils come to school in PE uniform to enable them to take part in the PE Sessions. Please remember that all jewelry and earrings must be removed.

Healthy Eating and School Dinners

We are a healthy eating school and ask that you send your child/ren with a healthy snack for breaktime (year 3 – 6) and early years and key stage 1 will receive fruit.

Could you send your child/ren with a water bottle. Please do not send pupils with fizzy drinks.

As a school we promote the links between health, behaviour and achievement; it is about creating healthy and happy children and young people who do better in learning and in life. Children and young people in Healthy Schools tell us that they feel healthier, happier and safer.



We serve hot and cold school lunches. For hot meals see the menu and the cold consists of a sandwich (cheese, tuna or ham), vegetable crudité, a piece of fruit and a biscuit). Please pay Dinners (£2.60) on Monday Mornings via ParentPay for the week. Arrears will not be able to be carried over. Therefore if 1 week is not paid for the service will be stopped the week after.

Children in Reception and Key One will continue to receive universal free school meals.





After School Provision

At Kidsgrove we have a wide range of after-school clubs. A list of the clubs taking place is sent out each term and you will need to book by returning the reply slip. Every Monday we offer a fantastic programme of activities which is carefully planned to make sure we meet the interests of all the children. We aim to provide a fun and happy time as well as focusing on their educational, social, intellectual, creative and emotional development.





Digital School

Kidsgrove Primary School has an innovative digital strategy in partnership with the Kidsgrove Learning Campus providing education from 3 - Infinity. From September 2021, every child at Kidsgrove Primary has received a personal iPad to support the learning missions of our curriculum. Home and School partnership is at the heart of all we do.

Digital technology has enhanced the strong quality first teaching and learning to allow our learners to develop a deeper understanding of the curriculum and to experience the virtual reality world to visit unimaginable places. Our learners really do enter the tomb of Tutankhamun and swim under the sea!

Our mission is to ensure every learner flies into our blue-sky digital curriculum to explore, innovate and empower our pupils so that are digitally ready for their futures and the ever-changing world.

“Technology will not replace great teachers but technology in the hands of great teachers can be transformational.”

George Couros



Our Curriculum

At Kidsgrove Primary School we have carefully designed our bespoke curriculum in line with the National curriculum and community we serve to ensure all pupils have a broad, balanced curriculum.

Our curriculum has been designed to ensure a journey of connected learning that is carefully sequenced from the start of Nursery through to transition into Key Stage 3. Pupils learning builds on what they already know, what is expected and to ensure they are well prepared for their next stage of learning.

Within our curriculum, pupils will recap and repeat learning to ensure that any new learning is committed to pupils long term memory. Learning will be connected both vertically through year groups from Nursery to Year 6 and also diagonally across year groups and subjects. This is to ensure pupils knowledge becomes interlinked and a web of learning and connected ideas.

The curriculum on offer at Kidsgrove Primary School is underpinned by cultural capital and digital enhancements. This consists of many planned experiences in school and out; lessons, topic days, school council, assemblies, clubs, sports, WOW trips and visits, workshops, residential camps, fundraising and community work. Outcomes have been designed to meet the requirements of the new National Curriculum but also to develop the skills needed for learning and for life.

Adaptations to the curriculum or learning environment may be made to remove barriers to learning for our SEND pupils for full inclusivity. These may include: Adapting the Classroom Environment, Artificial intelligence teaching, Using adapted resources, Use of computing (including technologies such as Whiteboard presentations), Behaviour Plans, Visual aids. Having someone scribe work, TA support within class.

Each Half term class teachers will send home curriculum leaflets to let you know what your child will be up to during that half term.



Nursery Top up.

Pupils in nursery are entitled to either 15 hours or a 30-hour code. It is possible to top up at a cost of £17.50 per 15 hours or £87.50 for the week. All top ups are bookable only for the full week and on a half termly basis. Top up must be paid a week in advance.

Behaviour and Attitudes

At Kidsgrove, we expect the highest standards of behaviour from our pupils at all times. We believe that without effective behaviour systems and positive attitudes, limited learning and development can take place. It is vital that all stake holders share a collective responsibility for behaviour and attitudes in the school and there is a consistent implementation of the Behaviour policy. We want our children to understand the importance of making positive behaviour choices and how these affect their own and others learning, leading to a safe and calm school environment.

We have 3 simple rules



- We are **READY** to learn –
 - We arrive at school on time.
 - We have the correct uniform and PE kit.
 - We have our equipment ready.
 - We show that we are listening and we are ready to try our very best.
- We are **RESPECTFUL** –
 - We listen when others speak- one voice.
 - We respect the property of our friends and the school.
 - We respect that other people have different ideas, beliefs and backgrounds to our own.
 - We respect that people may look different and have different needs but we may all feel the same emotions.
 - We respect the law and the rules of school and society
- We are **SAFE** –
 - We move around school in a safe manner.
 - We have kind hands
 - We follow instructions to keep ourselves safe.
 - We use equipment safely.
 - We stay safe online and make safe choices in our community.

From Nursery to Year 6 we use the 'Class Dojo' system to reward pupils for positive behaviours and good work. Dojos are given by the staff to recognise where children follow the rules, have worked hard and shown the school values of Friendship, Determination, Excellence, Respect, Equality, Inspiration and Courage.



ClassDojo

Please make sure that you are linked to your child so that you can see their points, what they've been up to and other important communication's.





Let's talk

If you need to talk or discuss anything with us, we are always available. We will be out and about every morning and after school or ring or email the school office to make an appointment.

We also have the contact us on the school website. Remember that you can dojo your child's class teacher too

