



**Medlar-with-Wesham  
Church of England  
Primary School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The following letter outlines school expectations regarding attendance, uniform, book bags, school dinners, snacks and water bottles. We take these areas of school seriously and look for your support in upholding them.

### **Attendance**

Due to the uncertainties surrounding the Covid pandemic, we will initially continue to keep the children in their class bubbles. This will mean that they have breaks and dinner at separate times to other classes. However, we will be operating a more flexible start and end to the day. Children at both sites will be able to enter school between 8:45 and 9:00 AM with an adult on each of the external doors to welcome the children into school. Register will close at 9:05 AM. If your child is late they must report to the school office and will receive a late mark. Mrs Marsh will be monitoring attendance which will also include late attendance. It is vitally important that your child is in school on time. Missing just 5 minutes each day adds up to around 8 hours of missed learning over the course of the year. At the end of the day, EYFS and KS1 children can be collected between 3:05 and 3:15 and KS2 children between 3:10 and 3:20. I understand that some parents have concerns about collecting their children from the Pavilion and then having to rush to get to the main building, however we will be as flexible as possible and will keep hold of your child until you arrive. Children in years 5 and 6 will be able to walk home but you will need to communicate this with your child's class teacher.

### **School Uniform**

Every child is expected to wear a school uniform which consists of:

#### **Girls-**

Grey skirt or pinafore

Blue shirt (no polo shirts)

School jumper or cardigan

School tie (in the correct house team colour)

Grey tights or socks

Blue, checked summer dresses can be worn in the summer term.

Sensible black school shoes; no sandals or boots (Velcro fastenings for EYFS).

Long hair should be tied back.

## **Boys-**

Grey trousers or shorts

Blue shirt (no polo shirts)

School jumper or cardigan

School tie (in the correct house team colour)

Grey socks

Sensible black school shoes; no sandals or boots (Velcro fastenings for EYFS).



Winter uniform – shirt & pinafore



Winter uniform – shirt & skirt



Summer uniform – checked summer dress



Winter uniform – shirt & trouser



Summer uniform – shirt & shorts

Items available for purchase in Kirkham from:  
**The Uniform & Leisurewear Company**  
6, Poulton St,  
Kirkham,  
PR4 2AB  
Tel. 01772 671999

## **PE Kit**

**Your child will need to wear a PE kit on their PE Days** (You will be told when this is in September by your class teacher) which consists of:

A pair of navy blue shorts.

A coloured PE t-shirt – the same colour as their school tie to match their house team.

A pair of trainers and white socks.

For winter they will need navy jogging bottoms and trainers.



In September we are trialling a school tracksuit for the new EYFS children and we hope to roll this out across school over the coming year.

### **EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and 3 School Book Bags**

From September we are requesting that the above year groups purchase a **schoolbook bag** to bring to school rather than any other type of bag due to our storage in school. The Book Bags will be stored in a box in the classroom. Children who are on packed lunches need to bring their packed lunch in a separate lunch bag to be stored on their class packed lunch trolley.



### **School dinners**

I am a firm believer that children should have the option of a warm meal during the day. With this in mind, all children, from September, will be able to book a warm meal at school. **If you wish for your child to have a school dinner, please order one via Parent Pay from Week Commencing 30<sup>th</sup> August.** From September, school dinners will be charged at £2:30 unless your child is in EYFS, KS1 or in receipt of Free School Meals (orders must still be made on Parent Pay but no charge will be taken if you are eligible). If your circumstances have changed and you feel that this is something that you may be entitled to please see details on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> for the eligibility criteria.

## Our Play Time Snacks



As part of our Science and PSHE curriculum we frequently promote the message to our pupils that, fruit and vegetables are a good source of the nutrients that children need, and form part of a healthy, balanced diet.

It's recommended that children – like adults – eat at least five portions of fruit and vegetables every day. But research shows that on average children in England eat only two portions, with many eating fewer.

**In KS1 children receive a piece of fruit or vegetable each school day as part of the 'School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme' and eat this as their morning snack. To continue to promote healthy snack times in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 we ask that the children bring only a piece of fruit or vegetable from home to be eaten at play time.**

We hope you will support our school in this matter and help our morning play time to become an ideal occasion for your child to eat one of their 5 A DAY portions, and increase awareness of the importance of eating fruit and vegetables, encouraging healthy eating habits that can be carried into later life.

## Water Bottles in our School



Please be reminded that your child needs a transparent water bottle in school every day with their name on it too. We promote drinking water each day in our classes this way and should your child for any reason not be able to drink water you must arrange to discuss this with the class teacher.

Mr G Allen