

Punctuality and attendance

Our attendance target is 97%. Please support us to achieve this target by ensuring your child comes to school regularly and on time. Children should be on site for the 8.50 am bell (but not before 8.40 am because there is no staff supervision before this time) and wait sensibly at the cloakroom door for their teacher.

Should attendance fall below 90%, it will come to the attention of the school's Local Authority Attendance and Engagement Officer.

If your child is absent for any reason, we ask you to let us know by phone before 9.00 am. (A message may be left on the school's answer phone). Please notify us of any medical/dental appointments that your child may have during school time. On these occasions, we do require that all children are collected from school via the school office.

Holidays are not authorised during term time unless in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Headteacher

Medicine in School

We will contact you if your child is unwell. Please ensure that we always have up-to-date contact details. If your child requires regular medical support, a Medical Care Plan should be completed (available on request from the school office).

For pupils needing to take medicine :

- ◆ Complete the medical form (this is available from the office).
- ◆ Return the completed form to the office along with the medication.
- ◆ Asthmatic children must keep a named inhaler with them at all times. Another inhaler should be given to the class teacher.

Children's own medicine (only essential medicine eg. Insulin, epipen) must be kept in school in an appropriate container. Parents are responsible for ensuring that the medicine and information is up-to-date. If your child requires regular medical support, a Medical Care Plan should be completed.

Positive Behaviour Management

We do expect high standards of behaviour and politeness from all our children at all times. Behaviour management is firm yet sympathetic. We encourage children to have high self esteem, to respect each other and their property and to take pride in their school, the environment and the community in which they live.

School rules are made to allow the children to work, learn and play happily together. We are committed to promoting positive values and rewarding children who show they have thought carefully about the termly Christian value. We hope that parents will play their part in supporting the school in these aims. With this in mind, a copy of the St. Andrew's School rules can be found on the insert of this information leaflet. It would be helpful if you could take some time to discuss this with your child. Thank you.

Finally... You are very welcome to 'pop in' to talk to the class teacher but we suggest after school rather than before unless there is urgent information to pass on. Teachers tend to be busy preparing lessons etc. at the beginning of the day. A mutually convenient time can be easily arranged for a longer discussion.



St. Andrew's CE Primary School
'Learning together, we achieve great things'

This Year in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1



Information for Parents and Carers



We hope that the information contained in this leaflet will answer any questions you may have regarding the curriculum and the pastoral care of your child in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 over the next academic year.



Foundation Stage

The Foundation Stage prepares children for the National Curriculum which begins in Year 1. Children in the Foundation Stage are constantly encountering new experiences which extend their skills, develop their confidence and build on what they know. Emphasis is placed on children deepening their understanding through practical experiences and well-planned play rather than formal written work.



The Curriculum in Key Stage 1

The pupils in Key Stage 1 follow the full range of National Curriculum subjects. The themes and objectives to be studied in Term 1 are set out in the topic web on the school's website.

In addition, the children study Phonics—based on Letters and Sounds—and Numeracy and Literacy through daily

lessons.

Homework in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1

We recognise that children who are supported and encouraged at home produce better results in school so we ask all parents/carers to read and share books with their children and support them in all other homework tasks.

- ◆ We set a daily 10 minute reading session with an adult. For Foundation Stage children, this is likely to be sharing a book or being read to and talking about the story. This should be recorded in your child's Reading Diary
- ◆ A regular talk homework will be set to prepare children for their end of unit writing tasks.
- ◆ A word list to learn for a weekly activity related to the word list; (5-10 minutes)
- ◆ Extra activities such as word or maths games will be set
 - ◆ Children in Year 2 will be set homework weekly.



We are always looking for ways to support our parents with their child's learning. Look out for the curriculum evenings and in-class opportunities that arise during the course of the year.

St. Andrew's School Uniform

A high standard of personal appearance is required of all children. The St. Andrew's School Governors expect children to wear uniform in school and ask parents to fully support this expectation.

Uniform
<p>White shirt or white polo shirt Blue school polo shirt Blue school sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece with St. Andrew's logo Mid grey skirt, trousers or pinafore dress White/grey tights or socks, grey socks Sturdy/sensible black flat/low heeled shoes with laces, buckles or Velcro Indoor shoes – black plimsolls For the summer: Blue/white check dresses, mid-grey shorts</p>
PE kit
<p>Dark navy shorts White T-shirt – plain or with St. Andrew's logo Trainers Dark navy tracksuit for winter/outdoor games PE bag</p>



Jewellery: Only watches and small studs for pierced ears please. Studs will need to be removed by the child or, if they are unable to do this by themselves, taped over for all PE activities to meet health and safety recommendations. All jewellery must be removed for swimming lessons. No nail varnish in school, please.

Children will also need:

- ◆ A paint/craft apron, preferably with sleeves.
- ◆ A book bag - these can be ordered from the school.

Please label all belongings!

Snacks: Fresh or dried fruit is permitted at playtime—not sweets or biscuits. If you would like your child to have milk, please contact 'Cool Milk' via their website or by telephone. (Details are available from the school office.)

Money: It is safer to send money to school in a labelled school envelope.