

Year 1 FAQs 😊

What are the timings of the day?

The main school gate will open at 8.40am and the Year 1 classroom will open at 8.45am. We will close the Year 1 doors for registration promptly at 8.50am. Please wait with your child in the playground until a member of staff opens the Year 1 doors. If you are late, please sign in at the school office. End of day is at 3.15pm. Pick up is at the Year 1 gate. Sunrise club and Wrap-around care available, please contact the school office.

What does my child need to bring into school each day?

- ✓ Bookbag (**no** rucksacks please, unless for afterschool clubs e.g., football)
- ✓ Reading book + reading record
- ✓ **Named** raincoat with hood / named sunhat (*weather dependent*)

Does my child need a water bottle?

- ✓ Yes, this will stay in school all week and be sent home on Friday to be washed. The children will fill it up each day at our sink in the classroom. Please make sure it is named.

What is the Year 1 uniform?

White polo shirt, grey trousers / shorts / skirt, school jumper / cardigan, grey socks / tights, black school shoes.

Please come and chat to me if sorting school uniform is difficult, we are always able to help.

PE kit: school white PE top, green shorts / skirt, trainers / plimsoles (PE bags to be kept in school as children will change for PE in the classroom. We will send them home every half term to be washed).

Where do they keep their belongings?

Each child has a named peg, cubby hole and tray. Coats and PE bags (and lunchboxes) will be hung on pegs. Bookbags and sunhat will be put in their tray. Water bottles are kept in a separate tub near the sink.

Do you still have free flow in Year 1?

- ✓ Yes, we will follow a very similar timetable to Reception for the first term and then gradually increase whole class teaching times throughout the year. We have a fabulous Year 1 outdoor learning space for them to enjoy all year round, come rain or shine! We will also visit the Reception garden for playtimes.

Do they get a morning snack?

- ✓ Yes, all children are offered a piece of fresh fruit / vegetable every day. If you would like your child to have milk, please contact the office to sort out the payment. Occasionally the snack delivery does not arrive, in which case we will either hand out raisins or pre-warn you so that you can send in a piece of fruit / vegetable from home.

How often should we read at home?

I suggest you try and read little and often, whether that be the book-bag-book, library book or home book. Any reading should be noted in the yellow reading record. We look at these daily to keep an eye on frequency of reading and to celebrate how they are getting on at home. I will send home a suggested timetable of reading once settled into the term.

When and how can I talk to the class teacher?

Myself or a teaching assistant will welcome the children in every morning at the Year 1 gate. We have a notice board for messages re pick up/clubs. We can have a brief chat at the gate but if you would prefer to talk away from your child and other parents, we can arrange a time for a phone call or meeting. You can also use Seesaw during working hours to contact me.

When is library day?

Every Tuesday we will visit the library. Please remember to send in books to be returned. If your child does not bring their book in, they are unable to take another book on loan until it is returned.

What if my child needs medication in school?

You will need to fill out a form before handing this over (either at the school office or classroom). A first aider will administer this. Please do not put medication in bookbags without informing a member of staff.

Do you use Seesaw in Year 1?

- ✓ Yes, we frequently upload pictures (both group pics/whole class and individual) for you to enjoy at home. Seesaw is a great platform for you to celebrate your child's learning throughout the school day. Feel free to comment and like your child's uploads; they love to look at their celebrated work!

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to ask 😊