



Palfrey Infant School

Happy Children Aiming High

Year 1 Information for Parents

Your child is due to transition to Year 1 in September, here is a little information to support this. Children sometimes find the transition from Reception to Year 1 a challenge as there is a less play based curriculum. Please ensure children are having an early bedtime on a school day.

Year 1 has three classes:

Class 4 = Mrs Foster

Class 5 = Mrs Patel

Class 6 = Miss Hussain

Attendance, punctuality and illness:

It is extremely important that your child attends school every day as absence can have a big impact on their learning. However, we understand that children get ill so if your child will not be attending school due to illness then please phone the school office as soon as possible.

Year 1 starts at **8:45am and** it is important that the children are on time because we do important learning activities right from the start of the day.

Year 1 finishes at **3:15pm and** children must be collected by an adult. If somebody different is collecting your child or you have been delayed, then please call the school office to let us know.

Uniform:

Please make sure all uniform is labelled, especially jumpers and cardigans, and that children are wearing sensible school shoes.

Medical Conditions:

If your child has any ongoing medical conditions, including allergies and asthma, please ensure the school is informed and update us if there are any changes to these.

PE:

Children need to **come to school wearing their PE kit** on their PE day (black jogging bottoms/shorts, white t-shirt, trainers). No jewellery should be worn. Any earrings that cannot be taken out at home should be covered with a plaster. Please provide a pair of slip on black pumps to leave in school in their pump bag.

Class 4 PE day = Wednesday

Class 5 PE day = Friday

Class 6 PE day = Wednesday

Outdoor clothing:

Children should come to school with coats appropriate for the changing British weather. Please make sure all coats are also labelled so that we can easily identify them if they go missing or get mixed up with another class. When the weather is hot and sunny children should have sun cream applied at home and wear a sun cap.

Reading:

We will send home reading books so it is important that the children bring their book bag into school every day. We expect children to read at least 4 times a week to build reading fluency. Please ensure you read regularly with your child.

Children will be assessed on their phonic knowledge at the end of Year 1, we will have parent meetings to show you how to help.

The children will be able to borrow library books. Library sessions will take place in their class. Any lost books will have a fine of £5 per lost book payable via the online gateway app.

Homework:

Year 1 children will get a mixture of homework to complete each week, along with their reading. There will be weekly spellings sent home to practise and these may also be set on Purple Mash. Maths homework will be sent home each week to help consolidate learning from in school. Other homework tasks may be set throughout the year.

Trips:

Trips are important to enrich the children's experiences and will be part of the curriculum, with follow up work to complete. Trips in Year 1 will be around the

local area in order to keep costs down for parents. We also have visitors in school and will ask for small contributions towards these enrichment activities.

Parent's Evening and targets:

We will have a face to face parents evening towards the end of the first half term. You will be able to discuss how your child has settled into Year 1 and you will be given some targets that you can support your child with at home.

Year 1 Phonics Screening:

Towards the end of Year 1 all children will complete the national Year 1 Phonics Screening Assessment. The children will be assessed regularly and split into groups across Year 1 to enable us to best support them towards this assessment. For more information about how we teach phonics in Palfrey Infants you can see information on our school website.

<https://www.palfreyinfant.co.uk/page/?title=Reading&pid=39>

Concerns:

Finally, if you do have any concerns about your child or have any questions please do email your child's class teacher. You can pass messages through Mrs Walsh and Mrs Hennefer on the gate in the morning or ask to speak to the teacher at the end of the school day.

Thank you in anticipation of your support in helping your child to have the most successful year that they can.