

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION TO HELP YOU AND YOUR CHILD THROUGH THOSE FIRST FEW DAYS IN SCHOOL!

There will seem to be a lot of information and routines to get used to but they will soon become second nature! Here are just a few reminders to help you and your child settle in to school in September. I know that by the time September arrives the new parent meeting can seem along time ago so hopefully this information will prove a good reference point!

LUNCH TIME.

You may choose between three options for lunch. Your child may have a cooked school lunch, [I can personally recommend them; they are delicious!] or bring sandwiches or go home for lunch. Whichever option you choose to begin with, it is helpful initially, if the children do the same thing for the whole week. Doing different things on different days is confusing for little ones and can lead to them getting upset. The Foundation children have their own dinner lady who looks after them at lunchtime. If there are any problems with your child at lunchtime, for example they do not appear to be eating very much, the dinner lady will tell the class teacher, who will then talk to you. The kitchen staff quickly get to know all the children by name and all their food likes and dislikes!

At the new parents meeting and in a following letter you will have received information about how to order your child's hot meal from the DOLCE website. You will need to send your email address to school so that we can register you into their website. It is quick and easy to order lunches and I am sure your child will find the meals both tasty and nutritious!

If your child is bringing a packed lunch, they will no doubt choose one of the popular lunch boxes available. As you arrive at school with your child you will quickly realise why these boxes need to have your child's name on them! It is not unheard of to hear a child at lunchtime say, "my mum's given me cheese sandwiches, and she knows I don't like them!"one child who has picked up the wrong lunch box!

The class teacher will show your child where to store their lunch box until it is needed at lunchtime. Most lunch boxes include flasks for drinks, please, whatever your child brings to drink, no glass bottles, or fizzy drinks! Drinks

of water are provided in the dining room for all children staying for a school lunch.

ASTON ALL SAINTS IS A HEALTHY SCHOOL!!

We are proud holders of the National Healthy School's Award and feel it is vitally important to encourage our children to be as healthy as possible. Through the taught curriculum we promote and teach the children what being healthy means. This is included in various areas of the curriculum, including PE, PSHE and science.

Free fruit is provided for the children in the Foundation class every day and this is available to the children, usually in the morning. If you would like to send your child a snack for the afternoon, please try to make sure that it is a healthy one!

Milk is provided free to the under fives and is available every morning.

On their first day in school the children will be given a clear water bottle and water is provided for the children to drink throughout the day. Although the first water bottle is free, there is a small cost if parents wish to purchase extra ones. These are available from the school office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM.

Just a reminder about our dress code.....

Burgundy sweatshirt with school logo [or a plain burgundy sweatshirt]

Yellow or white polo shirt

Grey or black trousers, skirts, or shorts in the summer

Checked dresses in the summer [yellow, red/burgundy or green]

Hopefully your child's school uniform will have arrived in good time for the beginning of term but if it hasn't please don't worry – here's hoping that September will be warm and sunny and that none of us will need jumpers or fleeces!

P.E.

Your child will not be having formal PE lessons at the beginning of the autumn term – they will be getting lots of exercise in the outdoors! Mrs Walsh will let parents know when PE lessons will begin so that parents will

have plenty of time to purchase PE kit from the school office. This will usually be after the October half term holiday.

AND SO YOU ARE READY FOR THE FIRST DAY OF TERM.....

Arriving at school.....

School sessions are – 9.00a.m. – 3.15pm – you are welcome to arrive in the Foundation classroom from 8.40am onwards, when the doors throughout school are opened, and parents are welcome to stay and do an activity with their child until Mrs Walsh does the register at 9.00am. Parents are equally welcome at the end of the day to see what the children have been busy doing all day. The staff will not let your child leave the carpet in the classroom until there is someone there to collect them!

Entry into school for the children is through the gates in either the infant or junior playground. There is ramp access from the infant playground. If you arrive by car, please park on Lodge Lane away from the zig zags or even further away from school and walk the rest of the way with your child. Please walk your child into school through the infant or junior gates. Please **do not** walk down the school drive because although we ask companies not to make deliveries at the beginning and end of the school day, we cannot guarantee this. **Please do not** use either of the school car parks. If you or a carer requires disabled parking, please get in touch with the school office. Thank you.

Please note that the infant and junior playground gates are locked from 9.30am until 3.00pm to ensure the safety of all our children. If you need to come into school during these times please use the main drive gate.

If you walk to school with your child, please teach them to cross the road with the crossing patrol.

If there is anything else you need to know before your child starts school please do not hesitate to contact us at the school office either by telephone or via our email address: aston-cofe.junior-infant@rotherham.gov.uk

Thank you
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