



Starting School at North Cerney

The information in this leaflet will help your children settle happily into our school routines.

WHAT TO WEAR



School uniform:

School sweatshirt or navy sweater, red or white polo shirt, grey or black skirt or trousers. Jogging trousers are often much easier to manage for the reception children than buttons and zips in skirts and trousers. In warmer weather girls may wear blue and white check summer dresses.

- ✓ They will need proper school shoes (with low heels!); trainers are not appropriate.
- ✓ In summer a cap is advisable in hot weather.
- ✓ In winter they will need a warm coat with a hat or hood. A coat or mac with a hood is advisable all year (school coats are available from the office).
- ✓ A pair of named Wellington boots for outside activities kept at school throughout the year
- ✓ Please, please, please label all clothes
- ✓ A book bag ideal for transporting homework to and from school.

Sweatshirts, polo shorts, baseball caps and bookbags are available on line or telephone at.

<https://myclothing.com/>

or by phoning 08000699949

WHEN MY CHILD JOINS NORTH CERNEY PRIMARY ACADEMY

School begins at 8.30am and finishes at 3.00pm where your child will be brought to you. Please let us know if someone different will be collecting your child. Please be aware that there is a phased start for Receptions in September.

During the day we have a snack time in the morning and fruit is provided for infants. If your child is in Year 3 or above you may provide a fruit snack for your child.

Milk is available for under 5's. After this you may purchase milk for your child. Please visit www.coolmilk.com to register.

Please provide your child a labelled water bottle when they start school. They will be sent home daily for washing.

THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Mrs Morris our Executive Business Manager is happy to answer any questions you might have. Mrs Morris is also assisted by Mrs Bennett-Bright our Academy Administration Assistant. The School Office hours are:

Mon 8.15am - 2.50pm

Tues 9.00am - 1.00pm

Weds 8.15am - 3.15pm

Thurs 8.15am - 1.00pm

Fri 9.30am - 1.00pm

The Office is unmanned at all other times. The e-mails and answer machine are checked at 2.30pm daily please contact the school office before this time regarding any collection arrangement changes for your child. You can contact the school office on 01285831310 or on admin@northcerney.gloucs.sch.uk.

PARENTPAY AND COMMUNICATION



Parentpay is our schools payment system. This is used to pay for the Afterschool Club, School trips and School lunches once your child reaches Key Stage 2. Shortly after your child commences school you will receive an activation code for your account. Parentpay is accessed via www.parentpay.com

For information about charging please refer to our charging policy via the school's website.

Our school Newsletter is e-mailed to our parents once a month usually at the beginning of each month. We also provide a weekly reminders update every Friday via e-mail.

It is important that when you child starts school that we have the correct e-mail and telephone numbers for you so that you are able to receive these.

Our parent's communication board is in the school playground. This contains diary dates, our yearly school calendar, school lunch menu and any forthcoming events you may be interested in.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Our school meals are provided by Rendcomb College.

Universal free school meals are available to all infant school children.

For children in Year 3 and above our meals cost £2.36 per day payable via Parentpay.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you are in receipt of any of the above, please contact the School Office who can direct you where to apply.

If you require information on the allergen content of any of the food that we serve, please ask a member of staff who will be happy to help you

OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE



Our school website can be found at www.northcerney.gloucs.sch.uk where you can find a vast amount of useful information about our school including useful learning tools for your child.

You will also be able to find our school prospectus and our school policies and procedures.