



## St Edward's CE Primary School

### Starting School: A Guide for Parents

#### **What uniform do I need to buy?**

Please see the attached leaflet for full details on uniform.

To order school uniform go to School Trends website [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk) Alternatively you can use Castle Printwear [www.castleprintwear.co.uk](http://www.castleprintwear.co.uk)

If you have any difficulties, please contact the office.

In addition, your child will need:

A book bag or rucksack

A bag with a spare set of clothes (pants/socks, trousers/skirt and a top – it doesn't have to be school uniform) Please check this bag on a regular basis so it is always ready to be used. ***Don't forget to label everything and make sure the labels don't fall off/wear out.***

#### **What PE kit will my child need?**

Children will need to wear PE kit to school on PE days. This consists of navy joggers (with no branding), a white t-shirt, red school jumper or school hoody and navy or black trainers. Any earrings must be removed on P.E. days.

#### **What do I do with my child on the first day?**

The school gates open at 8.35 a.m. Your child will enter the Foundation Stage classroom via the gate in the playground. A member of staff will be at the entrance to welcome your child.

### **What do I do with their school bag?**

Your child will be required to take this in to school each day and hang it on their peg. Your child will be given a reading book once they have settled into school. The class teacher will place any letters, reading books etc... in their bag for your child to take home. Don't worry if the bag comes home empty for the first few days!

### **Hot dinners**

All children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and 2 are currently entitled to free school meals. Details and a sample menu is available on the school website. If you are in receipt of certain benefits, then your child may be eligible for a pupil premium grant. This brings in an additional premium of £1000 per pupil each year for school to spend in supporting your child. Please ask at the office if you feel you may be eligible.

### **What do I do if I want my child to have a packed lunch?**

If your child wants a packed lunch, send this into the classroom with them each morning.

### **How will I know how my child is getting on in school?**

A member of staff will be available to take messages in the morning as you drop your child off and also to dismiss children at the end of each day, providing any necessary feedback. The class teachers will share details about forthcoming topic work and any items your child may require in school via a regular class newsletter. The first Parents' Evening will be in October once your child has settled in. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher at any time, they will be happy to arrange a suitable appointment time with you.

### **Who will teach my child?**

Mrs Collington is the class teacher. She is well supported in Foundation Stage by a Learning Support Assistant.

## **Collective Worship**

Foundation Stage children will regularly attend Collective Worship. On Friday this is dedicated to sharing good work. Certificates are given out to children who have done something particularly well during that week, this might be for a piece of work or acknowledgement of excellent behaviour. We also visit the church once a month for a service led by Reverend Andrew.

## **Breakfast Club and After School Club**

Breakfast Club starts at 7:30am and After School Club runs from the end of the school day until 5:45pm, Monday to Thursday. Further details are available from the school office. Sessions are booked online via Parent Pay.

## **Healthy Schools Status**

The school has received its Healthy School Status and as such we ensure your child is offered a healthy mid-morning fruit snack and cup of milk. Your child will need to bring a water bottle for use in class, with only water in it, as opposed to juice. Please put your child's name on the water bottle.

## **Communication**

The School sends all correspondence to parents via email or text. Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. Texts are only sent out to your first priority contact so be aware of this when you complete the admissions form. The website is also updated regularly and has lots of relevant information on it. We also have a school Facebook and Instagram page where updates are posted.



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