



## **St Edward's CE Primary School**

### **Starting School: A Guide for Parents**

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

Please see this link for full details on uniform: [Uniform Expectations](#)

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.

If your child is in Foundation Stage, they will also need 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 red t-shirt, red school jumper or red school hoody and navy or black trainers. Any earrings must be removed or covered by micropore tape on P.E. days.

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

The school gates open at 8.35am. Your child will enter school via the back playground. A member of staff will be at the entrance to welcome your child.

### **What do they 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.

### **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.

### **Assemblies**

Pupils attend daily school assemblies (Collective Worship). On Friday the assembly 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 an assembly 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 (and in this pack). If you wish to book places for these, please contact the school office. Payment is made through Parent Pay.

### **Healthy Schools Status**

The school has received Healthy School Status. All children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a healthy mid-morning fruit snack. Milk is provided for all children in Foundation Stage.

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. Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. 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