

Orritor Primary School and Nursery Unit



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you are well rested and that you all had a fun-filled summer break. School and the new term is now just around the corner. In preparation for this, and to make settling in as smooth as possible, please find some important information and things you need to know.

Nursery Induction

The Nursery Inductions take place on Friday 25th August and Tuesday 29th August.

Primary 1

Primary 1 will begin school through a phased start. This is to allow time for the staff to engage more readily with the pupils and also for the pupils to settle into school without feeling overwhelmed.

The P1 induction takes place on Wednesday 30th August and will be in 2 groups. Details of these groups are available on Seesaw.

On Thursday 31st August, P1 will attend to 12 noon.

On Friday 1st September, P1 will attend to 12 noon.

On Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th, P1 will attend to 12:45pm and then will begin full school days from Wednesday 6th.

Back to School

All pupils from P1-P7 will return to school on Thursday 31st August and will finish at 12 noon. There will be no buses available at this time.

Pupils from P2-7 will then begin full school days from Friday 1st September.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform. Boys must wear grey school trousers with black school shoes. From September to half-term, and from Easter to the end of June, boys can wear grey school shorts – these are the same material as school trousers. Girls must wear the school skirt with tights, not leggings. As with the boys, girls can now wear a red gingham dress in the first and last terms.

PE Kit

PE Kits can be worn by P1-3 on their PE days. P4-7 will have to change for PE and must come to school in their uniform on PE days. Details of PE days will be given by the class teachers.

For PE, pupils must wear the PE t-shirt and black shorts or black jogging bottoms. Pupils must have trainers and black plimsolls, too.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will begin on Monday 4th September. Breakfast Club is open to pupils from Nursery to Primary 7 and will run daily from 8am to 8:45am. Breakfast will be charged at £1.50 per pupil, per day and is payable

a week in advance. Parents will also be required to sign-up the week before, using a Google Form. The Google Form for this will be released next Wednesday.

Buses

Buses will be operational from Friday 1st September. Pupils must apply for buses on the transport sections of the Education Authority's website.

Please also note that, throughout the school year, there are a few days, namely holiday times, where children go home at 11am. Due to the significant cost of this for school, the home-time bus will not be available on these days.

School Holidays

School holidays for the incoming year are available on the school website. Please ensure that holidays are booked outside of these dates.

Nut Allergy

Owing to a pupil with a serious nut allergy, products containing nuts should not be brought into school.

Healthy Snack

As a school, we have a duty to ensure that there is a healthy eating policy in school and that pupils are adhering to it. Pupils should have a healthy snack with them each day for their break. Lunch boxes should also be healthy. Pupils in Nursery will be given a snack each day. We have a special push on a Tuesday and Thursday when all pupils are encouraged to bring their healthy snack and work towards a special treat.

Dinner Money

Dinners continue to cost £2.60. If you feel you are entitled to FSM, please apply for these through the Education Authority website, even if your child does not intend to avail of this.

Medication

A form will go home with your child at the start of term regarding medication in school. If there is anything urgent which we should know before then, please contact the school before your child attends. Please ensure that inhalers etc. are in date. It is the responsibility of the parent to maintain medication in school and to check it.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will resume on Monday 18th September. Details of these will be available soon.

I look forward to seeing everyone back at school soon and I wish you well for the new school year!

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Frizzell

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Principal