

Dear Parents/Carers

We demonstrate our Values of **respect, caring, supportiveness, tolerance, perseverance, forgiveness, and trust**, at Whixall C.E. Primary School in all that we strive to do each day.

We hope that everyone is having a lovely summer break. Thank you so much to everyone for their good wishes, cards and gifts at the end of term, they were very much appreciated by everyone.

We wish all of the children who are moving to their new schools well. We are sure that they will have an amazing time and will continue to make us proud.

Music Lessons

Guitar Lessons

We have the most amazing guitar teacher who comes into school every Tuesday. If your child is interested in learning to play the guitar please use the link below to register your interest.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d9KNe5f8nUSmrAU16L-NafsATh_u3FJEhj5Ss2EWtfpURDBRSUs1SlpOMkJVWIO4VOVTRjRCRVRUUS4u

Please also use the link to book any other instrumental lessons that you may wish your child to participate in.

Miss Turner will be beginning piano lessons in schools in the next few weeks. If you are interested in your child participating in these lessons then please contact Miss Turner directly by email—hannahturner995@gmail.com

Choir

As part of our music provision the children can attend choir which is run by our Music teacher Mrs Hawke every Tuesday lunchtime. There is no cost for this club.

School Meals

The price of our school meals are £2.30 per day. Please pay via sQuid. A reminder to the parents of children in Year 3 that Year 3 children are no longer entitled to Free School Meals, so if your child is having a school lunch, then the cost is £2.35 per day. Please see the attached menu for meal choices, If you ever have any questions or queries about our meals, then Mrs Hitchman our cook would be happy to chat these through with you.

WHIXALL SCHOOL NEWS



Holiday Club



Thank you so much to everyone who supported holiday club, we had a wonderful three and a half weeks.

Holiday club will run again during October half term on Monday to Thursday. Further details will be available nearer the time.

Nursery

Our Nursery is proving to be extremely popular for the next academic year. If you would like to reserve a place in our Nursery, then please contact us for a registration form.

Your child may start Nursery the term after their 2nd Birthday.

Thank you to everyone who completed parent declaration forms for Nursery sessions for the Autumn Term—everyone has been allocated the sessions requested.

Free School Meals

All children in Year Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a free school meal. However, if you think that your child would have been entitled to a free meal anyway, based on your income or benefits etc, a free school meal form still has to be completed. Please visit Shropshire Council website to find out more.

Tuckshop

Toast is available to the children every playtime at a cost of 10 p per slice and 5 p for Nursery and reception children. Children in Reception, Key Stage 1 also have free fruit on a daily basis. Children are welcome to bring healthy snacks into school such as raw vegetables, fruit etc. to eat at playtimes.

Reading

As ever we really appreciate your support in your child's reading development. We understand that it is difficult to hear your child read every day, but if you could try to build in some time during the course of the week to hear your child read as often as possible or to talk with them about their reading that would be really beneficial. Reading books will be sent home with your child's reading record diary. Please record every time you hear your child read. We shall request your child brings their reading record diary into school so that bookmarks and prizes can be awarded.

Thank you.

Swimming

Swimming sessions will resume this term for children in Peregrine, Mayfly and Dragonfly Classes. A letter will be sent home to families of those children with more details.

We are conscious that this will be the first time that the children in reception have been swimming with school, please do not worry, the letter will explain everything and there will be an opportunity to chat with us before the first session.

Shropshire Larder - a resource for people in Shropshire

The Shropshire Larder is a community information resource, bringing together the support available in Shropshire for people on low incomes.

Take a look at their website for further information on the following:

- How to access emergency food
- Where to access low cost or free food in Shropshire
- Advice on eating well on a budget
- Where to get local help with money issues

<https://www.shropshirelarder.org.uk/>



Worrying About Money

Worrying about Money? Please use the link below to find guidance and advice regarding money worries that may be affecting you and your family:

<https://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/shropshire>

Leaflets are also available from: <https://www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk/cash-first-leaflets>

Cost of Living Support

Increases in the cost of food, fuel and utilities will affect most households across Shropshire this year. If you find yourself worried about money or you're struggling right now, you're not alone.

But don't wait to get help. Shropshire Council and many support organisations are seeing rises in the number of people seeking help, and as winter approaches you may see more delays in getting responses.

The good news is that there's help available.

The website: www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/ was created in partnership with trusted community organisations to help you find the help you need, whether it's to get through a short-term crisis or to find more long-term support.

The SEND Local Offer

Lots of information and support for children and young people with SEND and their families, including:

- Education
- Health and wellbeing
- Family support
- Social care
- Preparing for adulthood
- Early help
- Things to do
- Education, health and care plan (EHCP)
- Travel and transport
- Financial support

local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk 0345 678 9063
www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/



If you need help accessing the Local Offer please speak to your school or local library.



Support for parent carers of children with SEND Shropshire's Local Offer

Having access to good quality information to help you understand the world of SEND is important when making decisions about your child's life. This is where websites such as the [Shropshire's SEND Local Offer](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/) can help you.

Outdoor Learning Timetable Autumn Term 2023

All classes will engage in outdoor learning in the Autumn Term but we would like to organise this slightly differently this year. We would be grateful if your child could keep their outdoor learning clothes and a pair of wellies in school so that outdoor learning can take place on the days that curriculum areas lend themselves to learning outside. Please do not worry if you do not have a pair of wellies or outdoor learning clothes to keep in school as we have spares that the children can borrow.

PE

We will let you know PE days for each class in the next newsletter but we will still be asking the children to wear their PE kits to school on PE and swimming days.

Uniform - School Uniform

We will be working closely with parents to ensure that a strict uniform code is adhered to by everyone.

Our school uniform is as follows:

Grey trousers or skirts

White polo shirt / blouse or shirt

Navy blue school sweatshirt or cardigan with or without the school logo

Black shoes for boys and girls (no sandals)

Light blue and white checked dress

For PE

Navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms (jogging bottoms are advisable this half term as your child will be wearing their PE all day.

Plain navy T-shirt or a navy T-shirt with the school logo on it

Plain navy hoodie or track suit top Trainers for all children (not pumps)

Children are allowed to wear plain STUD ear rings which will need to be covered during PE.

We really would appreciate everyone's co-operation with our uniform code.

****Donated School Uniform****

If you require school uniform for your child we have: trousers, skirts, pinafore dresses, jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts in various sizes that have been donated to school.

Please email the school office to check the sizes we have available and help with recycling.

Thank you.

Water Bottles

Please can children bring a water bottle, labelled with their name to school each day. If your child is bringing juice to drink with their lunch can they also bring a bottle with water in so that they can stay hydrated throughout the day.



Thank you.

We would like to remind you of some organisational details which will help the school day to run smoothly and safely for everyone.

1. Children may wear plain studs if ears are pierced. In the interests of safety and security no other jewellery should be worn. Children will be expected to cover ear rings during all P.E. lessons. We appreciate everyone's co-operation in this matter as it is for the children's safety.
2. Braids and beads should not be worn in children's hair. It is not acceptable for the children to have unconventional hair cuts such as 'tramlines' etc. Can long hair please be tied back.
3. We would appreciate it if all payments could be made via sQuid. If your child is new to our school then they will be issued with a sQuid code during the first week of the new term.
4. We ask that children do not bring pencil cases from home into school as we do not have space to store them during the school day.
5. Can we ask that children bring a water bottle into school which is labelled with their name please.
6. During the course of this year, the children will be learning the skills to play a number of sports such as hockey, football, cricket and rounders. If parents feel that it is appropriate for their child to have a mouth guard and shin pads in school for these activities, then can we please ask you to purchase these for your child and they bring them into school on their PE days.
7. Medicines – if your child has to take medication during the school day we are happy to administer medication, however we do ask that medicines are brought into school by an adult who we will ask to complete a medication administration form.

**** School Transport ****

Your child may be eligible for school transport if they are in Reception Class to Year 6 and fulfil certain criteria.

Applications can be submitted online at

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/available-support/>
Scroll down and click on Primary.

Thank you.

Clubs

Clubs will resume on Tuesday 5th September and will run from 3 p.m. until 4.30 p.m.

We will issue a timetable for clubs in the next newsletter.

Thank you so much to everyone who completed the questionnaire about school clubs. We are pleased to say that we will be able to offer later wrap around sessions starting after October half term. More details to follow in the next newsletter. We are extremely grateful to our staff for giving up their own time to enable us to offer this .