



**Fir Tree Junior School
Information for Year 6 Parents
September 2023-24**

Arriving at school

- School gate opens at 8.30 for year 6 but children should arrive by 8:45 ready to start at 8:50. School will finish at 3:15
- Please park outside the school gates when dropping off your child and picking up at the end of school and at the end of clubs. This is to ensure all children are safe
- Children who ride bikes or scooters must wear a helmet and all children (including younger siblings) must walk their bikes and scooters on school property
- Children are allowed to play on the playground equipment during morning break and at lunchtime only. Please do not allow your child to play on the equipment before morning and at the end of school
- Year 3 and 4 children must be accompanied to and from school by an adult

Information about school

- Our school website has lots of information and calendar dates including information about the curriculum and school policies
- Holidays during the school term are not authorised
- In the event that your child is not well enough to attend school or you are running late please ring the school office
- If your child is on any medication please ensure this is named and handed in to the school office and a medical form completed
- Please do not send your child with a pencil case or any toys
- Each child should bring their own water bottle and a healthy snack daily

Uniform

- Your child must wear the correct school uniform which is school cardigan, jumper and fleece available from the school office; grey or black trousers/shorts or skirt/pinafore, girls may wear black or grey tights; white polo shirt; black, grey or white socks and black shoes. For the summer girls

may wear blue checked dresses. Shoulder length hair must be tied up with a simple band. Jewellery is not allowed except stud earrings

- PE Kit must be worn on that class' designated PE day – black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, socks and trainers. Stud earrings need to be removed by the child or taped- child needs to bring in tape with their name on it. We suggest warm layers for outside PE in winter and extra socks for girls who wear tights to school. This year we will be making a phone call home to ask you bring in the PE kit if it has been forgotten, it is important that children participate and it is a health and safety requirement to wear the correct clothing

Clubs

- Your child is welcome to attend our Breakfast Club, which starts at 8am. If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club or have a school lunch please use our online payment system, School Gateway alternatively put the money in an envelope with your child's name and class written clearly on it
- We run clubs after school from 3.30-4.30. You will receive a termly clubs list with specific details. We also run a Fir Tree Fun Time after school club from 3.15-5.30. Sessions for this club are booked a term in advance. Your child is welcome to attend a school club and then go to the Fir Tree Fun Time club at 4.30. The school office and website will provide you with the details for this

Your child's learning

- To keep you informed about what your child will be learning, an idea of a weekly timetable is available on the class website. Project Overviews for the term will also be published here
- Weekly homework will be given, which will include daily reading; grammar and spellings; timetables and arithmetic. We encourage children to extend their learning by doing 'Surprise me Homework'. This is one way parents can be involved in their child's learning.
- There will be two parent evenings, one in November and the other in March. You will be given information on how to sign up for your meeting with your child's teacher nearer the time.
- We have an open door policy and are always available if you need to see your child's teacher before or after school for any queries or any information you may need to let us know. Alternatively you can make an appointment to

see your child's teacher at a mutually agreed time or email the school office

E-Safety

- Year 6 children are allowed to bring mobile phones to school but they must keep them in their bags before school starts and hand them to the teacher as soon as they arrive in their class. A form must also be completed before mobile phones are allowed for any child. These phones will be kept in a safe and school accepts no responsibility for any damage that may happen to this equipment at school.
- Please ensure your child uses the Internet safely at home and you have the appropriate safety in place. In addition please ensure your child is not able to access the Internet from their mobile if they have one. Under the age of 13, it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure their child is not accessing social networking sites. Please refer to the government guidelines for children under the age of 13. These regulations are in place for the safety of your child. The following websites provide useful information:
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> <http://www.nspcc.org.uk>