Welcome to Year 1 Meet and Greet Online Meeting

- From Reception to Year 1 during COVID 19
- Information for September 2020
During COVID 19 – the Year 1 corridors and classrooms are different. As a school we have introduced measures to support social distancing.

For September – we will ensure that transition takes place, so that change is introduced gradually to support children’s well-being and help them develop confidence, self-esteem and resilience.
Transition Days

Your child will be invited to attend school on **ONE** of the following days from 9am – 3pm:

• Monday 13\textsuperscript{th} July
• Tuesday 14\textsuperscript{th} July
• Wednesday 15\textsuperscript{th} July

This will be a good opportunity for your child to meet their new class teacher and work in their new classroom. More information about the transition days can be found on the school website.
Introductions

- **Phase Leader** – Mr Jones – Assistant Head Teacher
- **Teachers**: 1AF – Mrs Falcher; 1CL – Miss Lee; 1JG – Miss Groves; 1SB – Mrs Beddows.
- **Learning Mentor**: Miss Brown.
- **Year 1 aims** –
  - To support pupils adapting to the year one routine
  - To develop children’s level of maturity
  - To provide an environment suitable to more formal learning
  - To plan interesting and fun activities
  - To develop a love of learning!!

**Please Note**: The following arrangements are subject to change depending on government guidance in response to COVID–19.
Year 1 Teaching Staff

Mr Jones
AHT Years 1 & 2
Faculty Leader: Maths, ICT & Science

Mrs Falcher
Teacher 1AF

Ms Lee
Teacher 1CL

Ms Groves
Teacher 1JG

Mrs Beddows
Teacher 1SB

Miss Brown
Learning Mentor
Years 1 & 2

Mrs Hussain
Interventions
- Year 1 & 2
Year 1 is different in the following ways:

• Classrooms are smaller
• Children are physically closer together
• Children work at their tables in small groups for most of the day
• Less activities to choose from
• Teacher directs/tells children where to work and what to do
• Less outdoor time
• **Transition time** normally takes place in July (1.5 days) and over the first 7 weeks from September. **However – due to COVID 19, transition will now be extended to last at least for the autumn term. This means that Year 1 classrooms will be adapted to be as like a reception class as possible, following a similar timetable.**
Breakfast Club

Due to COVID 19 – breakfast club is currently closed. Subject to government guidance, we will be aiming for this to be available for children each day from September, where they are able to come in at 8am, have breakfast and share games.

This is a lovely way to start the day. For further details see the front office staff.
The School Day

The children will come into the playground at 8:30am.

They will line up and come into class with their class teachers at 8:35am for registration from 8:40am.

At the end of the day you will need to collect your child from the same place in the playground at 3:30pm (Mon–Thurs) 12:15pm on a Friday.

Please Note: We will have class signs in the playground to help you for the first few weeks.
Child Collection at the end of the Day – Monday to Thursday

• At the end of the day you will need to collect your child from the area in the playground labelled with your child’s class at 3:30pm.
• Please stand back from the area until the classes have assembled.
• Please do not take your child without telling the class teacher.
• If another adult needs to collect your child please tell the teacher in the morning or call the office to inform them.
• After 3:40pm your child will be taken down into the main reception area.
Child Collection at the end of the Day – Friday

- On a Friday the children who would normally have school dinners will have a packed lunch prepared by our kitchen.
- If your child is a home dinner there is no requirement for you to bring your child back to school. If any parent would like their child to be a home dinner on a Friday only please inform your class teacher.
- Parents must collect the children at 12.15pm from the usual collection point.
- Please stand back from the area until the classes have assembled.
- Please do not take your child without telling the class teacher.
- If another adult needs to collect your child please tell the teacher in the morning or call the office to inform them.
- After 12.30pm your child will be taken down into the main reception area.
Methods of communication:

At Ward End we will keep in close contact with you in a variety of ways, these include:

😊 Newsletter

😊 Website

😊 Phone calls (although we cannot take calls during the school day, please leave a message with the office and we will get back to you)

😊 Text messages

It is essential that we are updated with any changes to your personal details such as phone numbers, for communication to run smoothly. Give us time to investigate any query and get back to you. We may not have the answer immediately but we will endeavour to find out.
Communication with Parents

• Teachers are available for a short discussion at the end of the day. It would be appreciated if you could book an appointment with your class teacher where possible.

• A newsletter is given out on a weekly or half termly basis.

• Our website will have the newsletter and other information you might want to look at.

• Parents evenings are termly.

• Telephone/Text messaging.
Attendance, Sickness and Medication

- We expect children to come to school everyday. Sometimes children feel a bit off colour in the morning which can be a concern but try and bring your child into school everyday.
- Please be assured we will ring you and send your child home if they are unwell.
- If your child becomes sick in school we will ring you so please make sure that your contact details are correct. If there has been a change please can you let the office know.
- If your child suffers from Asthma we need an up to date inhaler in school at all times.
- If your child suffers from an allergy we need prescribed Piriton and an Epipen in school (make sure they are in date). Any other medicine needs to be handed into the School office and a form needs to be completed.
Medication

If your child is diagnosed with asthma, allergy or any other long term illness during the holiday please bring their medication and a doctors letter to the office so that it can be logged. Please check the expiry date on the medication before you bring it into school to ensure the medication is in date.

We understand that children can require medication on a short term basis. This MUST be taken to the office and not given to the Teacher or Teaching Assistant.

For health and safety reasons – if your child’s medication is not in school, we may have to send them home until the medication is available.
Health and Routines

• Research has shown that children between the ages of 6–13 need a minimum of 9 or as much as 13 hours sleep.
• Important to get children into a good bedtime routine.
• Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Avoid overly sugary foods and fizzy drinks.
• September brings a high incidence of head lice.
• Do check your child’s hair regularly.
• Hedrin or Lice Stop shampoo are good products to get rid of them.
Child Protection

The governing body has adopted the Birmingham LEA policy on Child Protection. Any child who discloses information concerning their safety, may be referred to Social Care and Health to ensure their protection.

All schools must have a named person to monitor child protection.

In our school this person is Mrs Rose.
Social Media

As your children get older they will be asking you for access to social media accounts. To have a Facebook, Instagram, Snap Chat. etc. account you need to be over the age of 13.

Your children will also ask to play games like Fortnite, this is also for children above the age of 12.

Please be aware of what your child is accessing on phones, ipads and computers and ensure they are behaving responsibly.
The School Uniform

- The school uniform consists of:
  - White or yellow polo shirt
  - School top or grey top
  - Grey trousers or skirt
  - Sensible shoes (No shoe laces unless your child can tie them up)
  - Fashion shoes are best left at home.
- **NO JEWELLERY PLEASE** stud earrings only
- **PLEASE COULD YOU LABEL ALL THE UNIFORM WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME AND CLASS.**
- Children need to bring in a coat or jacket on a daily basis.
P.E Kits

• Please send your child’s PE kit into school ASAP.
• PLEASE COULD YOU LABEL THE PE KIT WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME AND CLASS.
• Children keep their PE kit in school through term time. PE kits are sent home to be washed at the end of the school term. If you are planning to use last years PE kit please make sure it still fits:

The PE kit consists of:
• White T shirt
• A pair of black shorts or jogging bottoms
• A pair of Plimsolls (indoor) and Trainers (outdoor)
Snack money

• Dinners are free for children in KS1.
• Snack money is £1.10 per week. This can be paid either weekly or preferably half termly.
• Snack money needs to be placed in an envelope and bought into school on a Monday morning. Envelopes can be bought from the front office –£1:00 for a pack 10.
• If snack money is not bought into school children will have water instead of milk but will continue to have fruit.
The Curriculum in Year 1

• Our aim is to ensure a smooth transition from reception to year 1.
• The set up in Year 1 is different to Reception but to ease the transition from reception into year 1, the curriculum builds on and extends the experience that children have had in reception.
• Children will be eased into more formal learning and will continue to develop a love of learning.

The ‘settling in’ or transition stage has a lot of changes for quite young children to take on board.

- Transition time normally takes place in July (1.5 days) and over the first 7 weeks from September. However – due to COVID 19, transition will now be extended to last at least for the autumn term. This means that Year 1 classrooms will be adapted to be as like a reception class as possible, following a similar timetable.
Teaching & Learning in Year 1

• Due to COVID 19 and the children missing a significant part of their Reception year, children will be supported from September 2020 by:

*School already providing additional time for Reception and Year 1 staff to meet to look at the most recent assessments and to discuss children’s development.
Teaching & Learning in Year 1

*Taking time from September to observe children as they return to school to evaluate their level of well-being.

*We will provide additional support for children drawing on the expertise of 3 Year 1 teacher’s who recently taught in Reception:
–Miss Groves, Ms Lee and Mrs Beddows.

*We will provide social and emotional support, with frequent small group activities with the Learning Mentor – Miss Brown.
Teaching & Learning in Year 1

*Extending an Early Years approach into Year 1*

- **Transition** would normally last for half a term, but we will plan for this process to last at least for the autumn term to ensure your child is settled into Year 1.

- An **environment for play-based learning** (in the afternoons) in each classroom will be created. This “familiar” environment from Reception will support children to be confident and comfortable. Where possible, we will provide access to an outdoor learning space.
Curriculum Overview

• At the beginning of each half term children take home a curriculum letter which contains information about the term ahead.

• This includes information on the topics that will be covered and your child’s learning targets for that term.
Trips

Educational visits are a vital part of school work, it helps children to learn and understand about the wider world.

Autumn Term – Black Country Living Museum – £12.00 (approx)

Spring Term – Aston Church – £6.00 (approx)

You will always get a letter informing you about the visits we plan and you must sign it to say your child can take part.

*Please Note: At the present time due to COVID 19 – we are unable to confirm if educational visits will take place during the 2020 – 21 academic year.
Assemblies

We welcome all parents and carers into school to celebrate good work that the children have done in school. These are called celebration assemblies and will be held every half term. **We will invite you into school when it is safe to do so – in accordance with government guidance.**

Also, there will be a class assembly which will happen during the school year.

**Inspire workshops**

We will invite you into school to work with your child for an inspire workshop - **when it is safe to do so.**

It is really important that you join your child so that you can work together and find out how to help your child to achieve their full potential.
Rights Respecting School

We have achieved the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award – Gold level. This means we are linking our rules and lessons to the UN convention for the rights of a child. The children will be learning about the articles of this convention and the rights of all children around the world.

You can find out more about this by visiting:

http://unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/
Homework

Pupils are given two books to read per week in their book bags. Book bags with the reading books in them need to be bought into school everyday and will be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays. You can read the book to your child and discuss what he/she has read. Please encourage your child to bring his/her book bag into school everyday.

Maths

Children will be given a maths sheet per week to be completed at home. Maths Homework will also be set via Mathletics which is an online interactive Maths Program available to all pupils at the school. Children will be given a username and password to take home as soon as possible.

Spellings

Children will also be given a set of spellings to take home each week. These will be given out on Friday and need to be bought back into school the following Friday. Please help your child to learn these spellings at home as they will be tested on a Friday. The completed test will be sent home for parents to review.

Reading

To support reading in school, children will also have access to Reading Eggs at home where they can read books online. Username and passwords will be given out shortly.
Behaviour at Ward End Primary School

- The Behaviour Policy is available online on the school website. All other school policies are also available on the site.

Rewards
- Star of the Day
- The Secret Child
- Counters in the Jar
- Stickers
- Privilege Time Rocket
- Stars on the Door
- Effort Chart
- Good work certificates are given out on a Friday in celebration assembly
- At the end of half term two children are chosen for a Golden Letter from the Head Teacher. They are presented with the certificate in a special assembly at the end of the half term.
Sanctions

The **Smiley and Sad Faces** are displayed on the board as an immediate reward or sanction these are to support our positive behaviour strategies.

**The Tick Chart**

A Visual Tick Chart with all the children's names is displayed in the classroom to remind them that they are gaining sanctions and can change their behaviour accordingly.

- **Tick One:** Children lose five minutes of Privilege Time (which is on a Friday morning for half an hour).
- **Tick Two:** Children lose ten minutes of Privilege Time.
- **Tick Three:** If children get three ticks on the chart on the same day parents are invited into school for a discussion of the child's behaviour. Usually children are put onto a smiley face chart or an individual behaviour chart.
Teamwork

• We will all work together as a team to support and educate our pupils.

• If there is an issue, a concern or a slight worry please come and speak to the class teacher at the end of the school day once the children have been dismissed. We pride ourselves on being approachable. Mr Jones, the Phase Leader is also available to speak to at the start or end of the school day.

• We are all human beings, sometimes mistakes are made but please come and speak to us if there is a worry and we will do our best to sort out any issues you may have.

  • Thank you for listening!