

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted that you and your child have joined our Fishergate family and we are looking forward to getting to know you in the coming weeks. The first thing that you need to know that we are all here to help – if you have any questions at all please ask your child's, teacher or teaching assistant, the head teacher (Tina Clarke) or our wonderful office staff (Helen Deighton and Emma Butterworth). We know that our education system might be very different to your previous experiences and we want to work with you to help your child (and you!) to settle in as quickly as possible. Teachers and teaching assistants are available on the playground at the beginning and end of the day and no question is too silly or too small.

We are extremely lucky that Fishergate is such a vibrant and varied school. We currently have over 30 different home languages as part of our school community and 31% of our pupils have English as an additional language. So your child is in good company. Wherever possible we will try to make sure that your child is in a class with at least one other child with the same first language so that they can settle in more comfortably. We are always amazed by how quickly children start to learn English and our teaching team are very skilled at supporting them.

The following sections should give you most of the information that you will need as your child gets ready to join us.

The School Day

School is open for pupils from 8.40am-3.15pm. The official school start time is 8.45am and the children should be in school, ready to learn, for 8.45am at the latest.

If your child is in Early Years, take them in through the Early Years playground which is inside the main playground.

If your child is in Year 1 or Year 2 bring your child into the lower hall through the Year 1/2 entrance from 8.40 and wait with them outside their classroom. You are welcome to go into the classroom with them for a few minutes.

The older children line up in their classes on the playground and their teacher collects them.

At the end of the day Early Years and Y1 and Y2 children are picked up from their classrooms. Y5/6 leave from the Year 5/6 exit on the playground.

Y3/4 come out onto the playground with their teacher and stand in a line until the teacher sees their parent.

School Dinners & ParentPay

The cost of a school dinner is £2.50 per day and payment can be made via the [ParentPay system](#). Please may we ask you to pay for school dinners promptly.

- [Download the Fishergate Menu as a .pdf](#)
- [Click here to download the Allergy and special diet form.](#)

There is always a vegetarian option on the menu.

- Many of our children choose to bring a packed lunch with them. Please could you make sure that this does not include sweets or chocolate. We would also ask that the drink that they bring in is healthy – juice or water is best. We have water coolers in school so if your child brings a water bottle in they can fill it up whenever they need to.

School Uniform Information

Please can families make sure that all uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Our uniform consists of:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan (plain or with optional school logo)
- Plain white or plain red polo shirt (or with optional school logo)
- Black or grey trousers or shorts
- Black or grey skirt, pinafores or culottes
- Plain socks or tights in uniform colours (black, grey, white or red)
- Red gingham summer dresses
- Black shoes or boots, no high heels. Plain black trainers sold as school shoes by many stores are also fine. Sensible sandals may be worn in summer weather.

PE Kit

Children should come into school wearing their kit on P.E. days – they will then keep this on all day. Your child's teacher will let you know when P.E. day is.

- Plain white, navy blue, red t-shirt
- Plain white, navy blue, black or red shorts
- Trainers
- Plain black, navy, grey or red tracksuit or joggers/leggings and sweatshirt for colder weather
- No logoed shirts, shorts or football strips should be worn for PE

Nursery

The Nursery does not have a uniform, but please follow these recommendations:

- trousers could be jogging bottoms or have elasticated waists which are easy to put on
- sensible shoes or trainers (NOT flip flops, NO laces)
- washable clothes
- a school sweatshirt or cardigan can be worn if wished

Families can buy items without logos from a range of regular retailers and supermarkets. If you do wish to purchase items with the school logo, our current school uniform supplier is Kool Kidz.

Uniform items such as sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts embroidered with the school logo, a range of optional items such as fleeces and book bags, and other items such as PE kits, trousers, skirts and dresses can be ordered online at <https://www.koolkidzuniforms.com/product-category/school-uniforms/fishergate-school/>

We have a stock of good quality, free, secondhand uniform. Please let Helen or Emma know if you would like school to provide you with any items.

Term Dates

2023-2024 Term & Holiday Dates

Term	Pupils Restart	Last Day for Pupils
Autumn 2023 - 1st half term	Wednesday 6th September 2023	Friday 27th October 2023
Autumn 2023 - 2nd half term	Monday 6th November 2023	Friday 22nd December 2023 (2:30pm finish)
Spring 2024 - 1st half term	Tuesday 9th January 2024	Friday 9th February 2024
Spring 2024 - 2nd half term	Monday 19th February 2024	Friday 22nd March 2024 (2:30pm finish)
Summer 2024 - 1st half term	Monday 8th April 2024	Friday 24th May 2024
	<i>Please note the Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May 2024</i>	
Summer 2024 - 2nd half term	Tuesday 4th June 2024	Friday 19th July 2024 (2:30pm finish)

2023-2024 Training Days and Bank Holiday Closures

- Monday 4th September 2023
- Tuesday 5th September 2023
- Monday 8th January 2024
- **Monday 6th May 2024 – Early May Bank Holiday**
- Monday 3rd June 2024
- Monday 22nd July 2024

School is closed on the above dates.

[Click here to download the 2023-2024 Term Dates as a .pdf](#)

Celebration Assemblies

We like to celebrate the fantastic work that our children do and have a celebration assembly on Fridays. Year 3/4/5 and 6 celebration assembly is in the upper hall at 9am and Year 1 and Year 2 assembly is in the lower hall at 2:45pm. If your child has been chosen, you are welcome to come to the assembly. Just come to the front office and someone will show you where you need to go.