

School Equipment

All the equipment such as pens, pencils and glue are provided at school so there is no requirement for children to take their own. Boys and girls who wish to bring their own equipment do so on the understanding that they will take full responsibility for it. We do **discourage the children from bringing their own toys to school** as this can cause upset and squabbles if things become lost or damaged; as you can imagine, this wastes a lot of valuable teaching and learning time.



Absence

If your child is absent please phone the school to let us know the reason. If we do not hear from you and we cannot contact you, we, for the child's safety, must assume that the child is missing and our next point of contact will be social work then the police.

Sickness Bugs

Should your child be absent due to a sickness or diarrhoea bug, to avoid the spread of infection, they should not return to school for another 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.



School Information Leaflet

School Uniform



Our school uniform is a red sweatshirt or cardigan bearing the Redmyre logo in white embroidery, a white polo shirt and school trousers, shorts or skirt in either black, grey or navy. Girls are welcome to wear red gingham dresses in the summer if they would like.

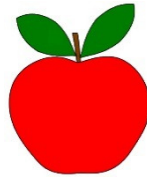
Outdoor Learning

Learning and teaching also happens out of doors and we do expect children to go outside at playtime to get some fresh air and exercise unless it is exceptionally wet. As we all know, the weather in this country can be very fickle; what starts out as a beautiful morning can quite easily turn into a wet and miserable afternoon. For this reason it is important that your child comes to school every day with an outdoor jacket and appropriate footwear.

The School Day

Our school day begins at 9am. We ask that children arrive promptly so that learning and teaching is not disrupted; late arrival can often upset children if they are walking into a classroom when everyone else has begun their day's work. The playground is unsupervised before 9am and although there will be staff in the building to deal with emergencies, we ask that children do not arrive any earlier than 8.40am.

Morning break is from 10.30-10.45 am and Chris, our school cook, runs a healthy tuck shop where a snack can be purchased for between 15p and 30p. You are, of course, welcome to provide your child with a snack from home however we are a health promoting school and we would encourage children to bring something healthy.



Lunch is from 12.15-1.15. School lunches are now paid for using an online account and the school office can provide you with all the information you need on that. Children in primary 1-3 are entitled to free school meals and the cost for a school meal for P4-7 children is £2.20. You can, of course, provide your child with a packed lunch or take your child home for lunch if you prefer.

The school day ends at 3.15.



Indoor Shoes and P.E Kit

Children will need a pair of indoor shoes for wearing in school. Plimsolls are perfect for this and can be purchased in many shops and online. These can also be worn for indoor P.E. For P.E, children will require a pair **navy or black shorts** and a **loose fitting white tee shirt**. We discourage the wearing of football colours as this can lead to arguments in the playground. We will try to get out for P.E as often as the weather allows so please also provide your child with a pair of outdoor trainers/gym shoes, some track suit trousers and a sweatshirt or fleece. Children need their P.E kits in school every day.



Homework

After consultation with our parent body last session we made the decision to make homework (apart from reading) an OPT in task. Each week your child will be provided with an OPT (Optional Practice Tasks) sheet where there will be four activities. One will be a phonics/spelling task, a numeracy task, a discussion task to assist with whatever writing will be done in class that week and a Skills For Life task to be signed off in the Skills for Life booklet. Although these are optional, it is widely accepted that homework has many benefits; for example it encourages children to develop positive study skills and habits which will serve him/her well through life and it teaches your child to work independently. Also, homework provides an important opportunity for parents to talk to their children about their learning. So, although it is optional, it is strongly encouraged. Given that strong reading skills are what help children access all areas of the curriculum, reading homework is still expected to be completed. Details will be in your child's home/school diary and should be signed when it has been completed.

