



Cumnor CE Primary School

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Start of the Year Reminders

Dear families,

I hope my welcome letter found you well on Friday. We are very excited to welcome your children back tomorrow. As the first day of school approaches, I wanted to write to you with a few reminders and some clarification around communication.

Uniform

A new term is an opportunity to revisit high expectations around uniform. The website states that:

We have a long tradition of wearing uniform at Cumnor School and it should be worn at all times in school. We like the children to look smart and feel part of the community which they belong to. We feel that this makes a positive contribution to the School's ethos and helps to avoid any discrimination.

You may select school uniform from the following items:

Grey shorts / trousers, grey skirt or pinafore

Blue/white or yellow/white checked dress (summer)

White shirt or polo shirt

School navy sweatshirt / cardigan

Year 6 only: purple sweatshirt (with special Yr 6 school logo)

PE Clothing:

Navy shorts or navy joggers

Plain T-shirt in the house colours (Green – Northmoor, Yellow – Kings, Red – Pinkhill, Blue – Eynsham). A small logo is acceptable. *No football kits or tops with large prints please.*

School royal blue sweatshirt or navy fleece

Easy-to-fasten Trainers/plimsolls

A strong PE bag (drawstring bag) for keeping clothing together. Space in the cloakroom is very limited so please help by providing a bag that does not take up too much space.

Children should wear standard shoes or dark coloured trainers. Fashion shoes are not permitted.

All school uniform is available by logging onto www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk and clicking on Cumnor School.

Items of good quality second-hand clothing can be purchased through the PTA, please email cumnorprimaryuniformpta@gmail.com to enquire about availability of sizes.

Accessories

We encourage plain accessories (socks, hair ties) etc, either in white, black, grey, navy, blue or yellow. Long hair must be tied back with a soft hair tie for PE.

Jewellery, nail varnish, wrist bands, make-up, stick on tattoos and other such adornments are not appropriate for school and will be strongly discouraged. Children with pierced ears may wear simple stud earrings but these must either be removed or covered with adhesive tape for PE – it is the child's responsibility to do so.

Children may wear watches but they should be suitably unobtrusive in terms of colour, size and beeps! *A reminder that they should not have the ability to make/receive calls or take photos/video.* Children must remove watches for all PE and we cannot accept any responsibility for their loss or damage.

Snacks

Children in Early Years and Key Stage One are provided with a healthy snack for break times. Children in Key Stage Two will need to bring one in if they wish. A reminder that these should be healthy snacks, for example fruit or vegetables as opposed to crisps, sweets or chocolate.

Communication with teachers

Through consultation with the teachers, we have made the decision to adapt how messages from parents reach them. As a preference, we always welcome face to face conversations or a phone call. We welcome messages in-person at drop off and pick up. If you need to email, please contact the school office at cumnorschool3223@cumnorschool.co.uk to request a phone call or meeting, or to pass on your message.

This email address should also be used to communicate quick messages, for example, changes to collection adults on a particular day, etc. This ensures that this communication efficiently reaches teachers who are most likely working with children with limited access to their emails. It also means that the office staff have an awareness of appointments, etc. when someone comes to collect a child early. Finally, it is also essential that I consider the workload and wellbeing of the wonderful teachers that we are extremely lucky to have.

For questions or queries around SEND, Mrs Lawfull can be reached at sendco@cumnorschool.co.uk. I can be reached at headteacher@cumnorschool.co.uk, particularly for matters relating to safeguarding.

Google Classroom

As previously, Google Classroom will still be used to set homework, and occasionally for class announcements and reminders. We recommend that you have your child's Google account logged in on your own devices so that you receive alerts when something is posted in Google Classroom. If you need to reset the password, please email the office.

We thoroughly look forward to welcoming the children back in the morning!

Best wishes,
Steven Badger
Headteacher