

General Housekeeping for September

(All of this information is subject to change once we have government guidelines on opening for the Autumn term)

Equipment

- Uniform - please ensure all uniform is clearly named (lower case writing is easier for the children to read).
- PE kit - your child will need a t-shirt in their house colour, a pair of navy shorts and a pair of pumps and trainers. Please put these in a named draw-string bag. All kit should be clearly named. Please provide this kit at the start of term - it is then kept in school and your child will bring it home each holiday to be washed.
- School bag - this should be named/easily identified (please note that space is limited so please avoid larger bags/rucksacks). The school bag you can buy at Sam Dale's is our preferred option.
- Coat - please ensure your child brings a waterproof coat into school every day. This should be clearly named. It is really helpful if your child can zip/button up their own coat and turn clothes the right way (e.g. sleeves) so please practise this at home.
- All other equipment will be provided (i.e. pencils, crayons etc.)
- Please do not send in any toys - we have plenty of toys to play with in school.

Snacks

- Fruit is freely available in school every day (for both morning and afternoon playtime).
- Healthy snack - if your child would prefer to bring their own snack, please ensure it is 'healthy' and is named.
- Water bottle - children can bring a water bottle each day. Please ensure this is clearly named and only contains water, not flavoured water or juice. Our PTA will provide each child with a bottle for September.
- Toast is available to buy each day at morning playtime. This costs 25p for a slice of toast. Please send money for this in a clearly named envelope. It can be sent in daily or you can pay in advance for a whole week.

Lunchtime

- All KS1 children are entitled to a free school meal. Each day there are two choices. Please help your child to choose from the menu before they arrive at school each day (a copy of the menu is available on the school website).
- Packed lunch - if your child prefers to bring their own lunch, please put it in a named lunch box. Please include a drink, or water is available in the dining room.

Medication

- We are only allowed to administer prescribed medicines - if your child needs medicine, please complete the permission form, which is available in the office.
- Please inform us of any allergies your child has.

Toileting

- We expect all children to be able to use the toilet independently when they start school.
- We understand that accidents sometimes occur and we have spare clothes in school to cater for this (please wash and return these to school).

Absences

- Please contact the office by 9.30am, if possible, to inform us that your child is absent, otherwise we will telephone you.
- If possible, please try to make medical/dental appointments out of school hours. Please let us know about any appointments that have to be attended during school time. This can be done by phoning the school office or sending in a note to your child's class teacher.

Dropping off and collecting - Arrangements will be confirmed once we have more detailed guidance on opening for the Autumn term

Communication

- It is very important that we keep channels of communication open.
- If you have any concerns or seek clarification about any aspect of school, please speak to your child's class teacher/TA. This can be done first thing in the morning if it is urgent or after school or by telephone or letter or brief note.
- Each week we will let you know what we have been learning and what we will be learning the following week. We also give information about forthcoming events and links to websites to support learning. This is all provided on our school website - www.holmeschapelprimary.org.uk Please check this regularly.

Homework

- During the first half term of the autumn term, your child will start to bring home a reading folder, reading book and words to learn to read. Please support your child's reading at home - a few minutes each evening will help to reinforce learning at school.
- Also in the reading folder will be a Home/school diary. Please use this to let us know you have read with your child and to comment on their progress and what they have enjoyed about the story etc.

We would like your child's start to school to be a happy experience for all concerned! Please contact us if you require clarification of any of this information or if there is anything else you need to know.