

Exwick Heights Primary School

Transition Pamphlet

Reception to Year 1

There are three classes in Year 1 – Class 1JW: Mrs Worthington, Class 1JM: Miss Mallon, Class 1SP: Miss Prentice. Every day there will be a teaching assistant working alongside the class teacher.

The children in Yr 1 will need the following:

- PE kit - trainers, black shorts and white tee shirt; sweatshirt & jogging bottoms for cooler weather. PE kit should remain in school unless it is being washed. We ask that all items are clearly labelled
- Coat - to be in school daily (the weather here in Exwick is changeable!)
- A named book bag for reading and library books and school letters
- Named plastic water bottle for use during the day

The school provides pens, pencils, coloured pencils, rubbers and sharpeners for each child to use. You do not have to provide equipment.

School Uniform – all named: Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for school every day.

Our uniform is:

grey/black trousers (not leggings), grey skirt or grey dress;

white polo or cotton shirt ;

grey/white/black socks or tights;

Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without the school logo);

and sturdy black school shoes or black trainers (with black laces).

In warm weather, green & white checked gingham dresses with plain white sandals or grey shorts may also be worn.

Hair that falls below the shoulders is to be tied back during school-time. We ask that children wear simple hair bands and hair ties. **Jewellery** is not encouraged at school although **one pair of small plain stud earrings** will be permitted. Jewellery such as bangles, necklaces and fashion earrings are not permitted and will be removed and sent home. Stud earrings will **NOT** be removed for P.E.

Attendance

It is important your child attends school on time every day, unless they are poorly. Always ensure you phone into school daily if they are unable to return to share the reason for the absence. Attendance is monitored fortnightly by the Headteacher and the Educational Welfare Officer. Any attendance below 95% is automatically 'flagged' and should it drop to below 93% it is automatically monitored for the following term. *93% indicates that a child was absent for three weeks over the year: 90% = 4 weeks: 85% = 6 weeks: 80%: = 8 weeks and so on.* There is a strong correlation between poor attendance and poor academic achievement. Whilst there are exceptions to the rule, sadly it is not very often! **Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time** unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please refer to Exwick Heights' Attendance Policy, which is on the school

website. Copies of the policy are also available from the school office on request.

Birthdays in school: When it is your child's birthday, please do not send in sweets/cakes or treats for the whole class. A large number of parents say they prefer their children not to eat sweets or cakes during the day/week and we need to respect their wishes.

Children's toys: Please do not send toys in, unless specifically requested to do so by the teacher.

Bikes and scooters: No one is permitted to ride their scooter or bike on the school premises, this includes younger siblings. We ask all children to dismount well before they get to the school gates. Similarly, at the end of the school day, bikes and scooters should be wheeled until clear of the school gates. We encourage the children to give all due care and consideration to pedestrians around the school grounds and immediate environment.

What you can do to help your child prepare for Yr 1

- Reassure them about the move to Year 1 and if you feel anxious, try not to show it!
- Ensure they are in school on time every day. Children worry if they arrive in class late and the morning session has started.
- Encourage your child to 'have a go' at putting their own things away during the school holiday to prepare them with bringing their own belongings into class in September, without adult support.
- Remind your child that if they have a problem at school they must speak to the teacher/adult as soon as possible. We need to be made aware to support!
- Help your child to continue to learn the key Reception spellings and support them to write these. Encouraging them to write simple sentences with a capital letter and full stop regularly, perhaps to keep a diary, will also be beneficial. Actively encourage this - cheer them on!
- Listen to your child read every day for at least 10 minutes and please ensure you read to them also. This will impact positively on their reading skills in all areas of the curriculum.
- Join the local library. Children love to visit the library, whether this is online or in person, and look for their own books to read/share with you and to bring into school to support the topic they are working on.
- If your child struggles with fine motor control which affects their handwriting, please help them with this skill by playing games such as picking up beads/small items with tweezers or their thumb and index finger.

Contributions: In Y1, we would be most grateful if each term, you could please send in a box of tissues and a contribution of £3.00. This small contribution is greatly appreciated because it goes a long way to helping us fund the ingredients for cooking activities, which the children so enjoy.

What to do if you have a concern: Members of senior staff will be outside each day and available to support families as they arrive. You can also email the class teacher through the usual admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk account (please ensure that the email is addressed to the appropriate teacher) or telephone the school on 01392 209030 to leave a message.

Social Media: Please can we remind you that comments made on social networking sites can easily be viewed as being derogatory. We must make you aware that any content which is considered to be defamatory of an individual or the school, or damaging in any way, will be shared with the Ted Wragg Multi-Academy Trust's operations department for them to investigate which could result in legal action.

As a school, we make it clear that if parents take photographs or video of any event/activity in the school and a parent wishes to place it on a social media site, then permission must be sought for every child or adult featured in the photograph or video.

The Website www.exwickheights.devon.sch.uk has up to-date information relating to policies and term dates as well as previous newsletters, class assemblies, etc. Please refer to it frequently.

Schoolcomms: Good communication is essential between school and parents. This system allows you to receive texts, emails or letters; and enables you to easily contact us or make payments for things like dinner money, and school trips as necessary. Please contact the school office if you are not already using School Comms and they will be able to support you.

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