

Welcome to Fairfield
Primary School

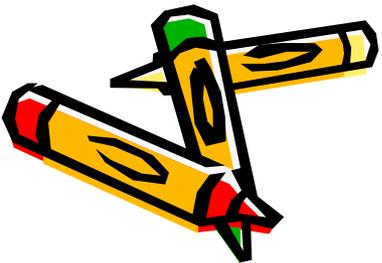
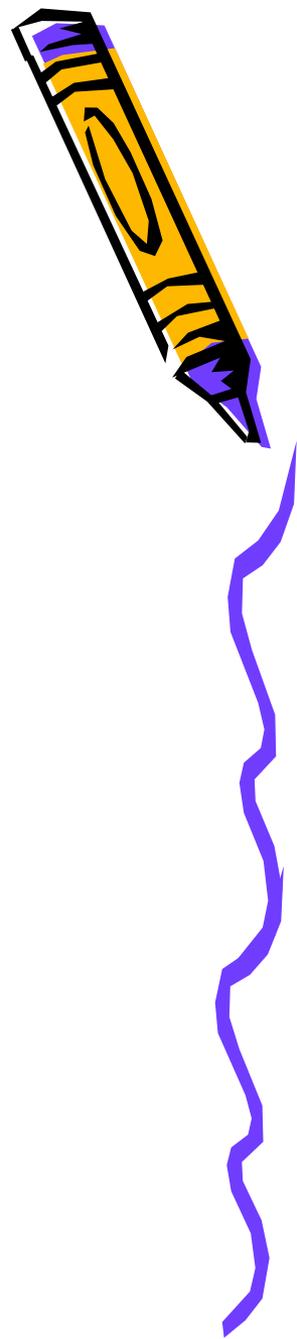


Starting School

Unfortunately, the information we can give you about your child's start to school is fairly limited at the moment.

We aren't able to provide you with start dates yet, but as soon as we have more information about this, we will let you know.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns or questions please give us a call at school on 01642 581305.



The School Day

As the situation currently stands, we have no information on how school might look in September. We understand that this is particularly difficult for those children who are starting in Reception, and we will strive to provide you with information as soon as we can.

The following information relates to how school currently functions, and we hope to get back to this way of working as soon as it is safe to do so.

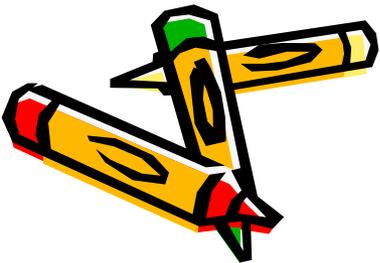
In order to help children settle, we quickly establish a set routine.

When the children first start school, you are welcome to come into the cloakroom area and help them find their peg. Staff are always on hand to answer any questions you may have. Once the children are settled, we would ask you to say goodbye at the door, and encourage them to come into school themselves.

We understand that given the current situation, this may take a little longer than usual.

Once the children are settled, we will introduce a daily routine, including phonics, reading, and maths – and lots of other activities!

Children have the chance to use the outdoor equipment each day – regardless of the weather!





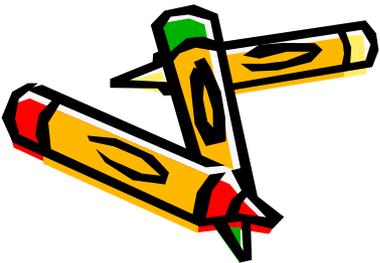
Clothing

Your son/daughter will be busy throughout the week doing a variety of activities, some of which can be messy. Blue school sweatshirts are available from Elizabeth Embroidery, but equally the supermarkets also offer great value.

As we are also outside everyday, and in the interest of safety, it is very important that children wear appropriate footwear.

Jewellery must not be worn at school for safety reasons. Children with pierced ears should wear studs, but preferably have them removed for the time they are at school.

PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING AND SHOES!!



Medical

Please let us know if your child has any allergies – particularly to any food - or if your child suffers from any other medical conditions, e.g. asthma or eczema. We keep named inhalers in school and ask parents to complete a form giving instructions on usage. We do not administer any other medicines.

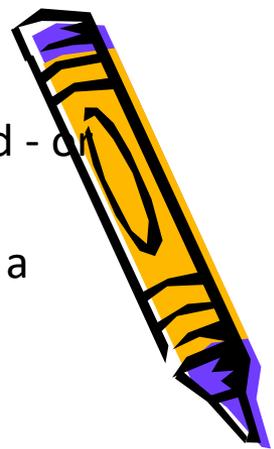
Is your child up to date with their pre-school booster?

Sickness

Should your child ever have sickness or diarrhoea, as a consideration to other children (and staff!), please do not bring them to nursery until they have had **48** hours free from **all** symptoms.

Head Lice

If your child has head-lice, please let one of us know. We have leaflets available which offer help and advice on treating this common problem.



Toilet Training

As we have limited facilities for cleaning and changing children, would you please let a member of staff know if your child is not toilet trained before they start.

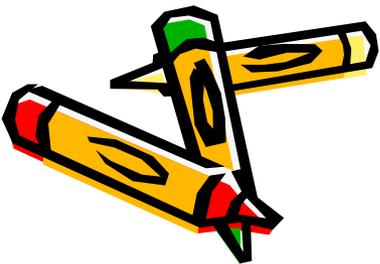
Young children do have the occasional accident and we will, of course, clean them and change them. Should your child have a change of clothing at school, please wash and return the clothes as soon as possible.

Teeth brushing

Every day we brush our teeth for two minutes as part of an initiative to reduce tooth decay. Your child will be provided with their own toothbrush when they start school – these are replaced every twelve weeks. This is in addition to your child's morning and night time brush. We continue brushing teeth at school until the children leave Year One.

Sharing information with Parents

As a parent you are welcome into school at any time. Usually parents / carers / childminders have daily contact with the Reception staff when dropping off and collecting their child. This gives an opportunity for messages to be passed on and general information about your child to be shared.





Marvellous Me

Please sign up to our online system for sending messages/ badges and awards from school.

If you have any concerns about your child you can phone school on **01642 581305** and speak to Mrs Duffy or the Reception Staff

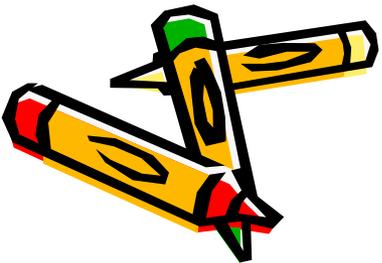
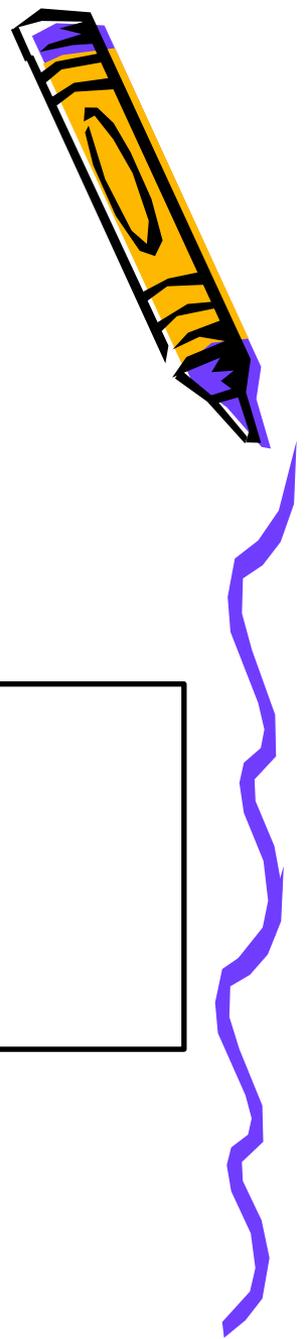


Safety

Please **do not** park your car in the staff car park when you drop off your child.

Please show consideration to the local residents when you park your car on the road outside.

Children learn as they play.
Most importantly, in play,
children learn how to learn.



Last of all, we would just like to try our best to reassure you. We understand how difficult some of the children might find it, if they start school in September having had 6 months at home with you.

Please don't worry about your child falling behind. They will be learning new skills at home all of the time, and our priority is the same as you – the happiness of your child.

When the children start school, our priorities will be their happiness, emotional wellbeing, and making them feel safe and secure in their new classroom.

Please do get in touch if you have any worries, no matter how small. We are here to support you and your family in what is a very challenging time.

Thank you,
Reception Staff.

