

New Entrants Information Sheet

Daily organisation:

Our school is split in to three classes: Tinley (Year R/1); Hampton (Year 2/3); Fairlawne (Years 4/5/6).

All pupils are assigned a house team on starting with us: Greeks, Mayans, Romans, Victorians.

Children may be dropped off at the Back Lane gate between 8.35am and 8.50am. The area between Stumble Hill and the entrance is for quick drop off only. We ask that our neighbours are respected when parking and that there is no turning in driveways or staff parking spaces.

The school day starts at 8.50am when the bell is rung; all children head into classrooms via the classroom door where staff will be waiting for them.

Breaktime is from 10.30am to 10.45am – healthy snacks are encouraged, and all children play together. A small selection of fruit is available for Tinley and Hampton pupils, but most children also bring snacks from home.

Lunchtime is from 12.15pm to 1.15pm. Years R to 3 eat first then play; year 4 to 6 play first then eat.

All children may choose between a school meal (main, vegetarian or jacket potato) or a packed lunch. Meals can be ordered daily at registration and should be paid for by Year 3-6 in advance via Caterlink accounts (Year R to 2 are all eligible for universal free school meals).

The day finishes at 3.05pm (Tinley) and 3.15pm (Hampton and Fairlawne). Parents and carers should enter the playground from Back Lane and wait near classroom doors. You are welcome to stay to chat until 3.25pm when the gates will be shut. We ask that children only play on fixed equipment and stay clear of the toy boxes, wildlife area, mud kitchen and sandpit. Children are the responsibility of their parent/carer at all times.

Regular Events:

Fortnightly Wednesday afternoon Forest School for Tinley and Hampton on the Common led by Mrs Bradford – dates on newsletters

Fortnightly Monday afternoon swimming at Tonbridge Pool for Hampton and Fairlawne – dates on termly permission form

Twice weekly PE – Thursdays led by EMC Coach plus one lesson by school staff (or swimming) elsewhere in the week . PE kits should be in school at all times.

Termly wellbeing or academic progress parent meetings – as detailed in associated forms/newsletters

Termly parent forum – invite by email/newsletter

Termly parent information briefings as appropriate

Twice yearly house team charity fundraising day with own clothes and after school activity

Twice yearly pupil progress reports

Formal assessments in December, March and June (Year 2/6 SATS in May; Year 1 phonics screening in June)

Termly pupil progress meetings between staff, Head of School and SENCO

PTA meetings and fundraising events – all parents welcome to join

Optional Events:

After school enrichment clubs – outlined in termly application form.

Piano lessons with peripatetic tutor – waiting list in place (termly payment required).

iRock group music lessons – termly invite sent but pupils may start mid term (monthly direct debit required).

What my child needs:

Black school shoes (ankle boots permitted in colder weather)

School uniform and PE kit- <https://www.shipbourne.kent.sch.uk/uniform/>

Warm/waterproof coat (to suit the season); gloves, hat scarf, sunscreen, sun hat as appropriate

Swimming trunks/costume, towel and goggles (Hampton and Fairlawne)

Forest school clothing (eg. tracksuit trousers, t-shirt and fleece), waterproofs and wellies (Tinley and Hampton)

Hampton and Fairlawne - Pencil case with pencils, handwriting pen, 30cm ruler, rubber, glue stick, scissors and colouring pens/pencils (optional)

Water bottle with sports cap or straw

Contacting the School:

General queries and information sharing: office@shipbourne.kent.sch.uk

Management related concerns or questions or if directed in correspondence: tdaters@bournepartnership.org

Telephone contact for urgent or time sensitive matters: 01732 810344

Please let us know by email to the office of any changes in pick up arrangements and to notify us of absence or late arrival/early departure.

Please write to us formally to request holiday leave – this will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Communicating with you and our expectations:

The majority of communication from us will be by email so please check accounts frequently.

Other information:

We use Microsoft Forms to collect information.

All pupils will be given Office 365 accounts. Here they can access a range of apps including Word, Powerpoint and Teams. Teams will be kept updated for home learning and remote learning to be accessed.

All pupils will be given reading records. Please listen to children read regularly, recording this in the record books and ensuring books are in school daily so that staff/parent volunteers can hear children read.

All pupils will be given access to Discovery Education via personal logins.

Hampton and Fairlawne will be given access to My Maths and Sir Linkalot for spelling. These platforms can be accessed at home and in school and login details will be provided.

Please support pupils in learning times tables, phonics, weekly spellings and other key areas as directed.

Pupils with SEN or wellbeing needs will be given targeted support. Provision Plans and Behaviour Plans will be shared with you regularly and additional meetings will take place to keep you updated.

All payments are made online via Parentmail – details and deadlines for payment will be shared by email in advance.