

# Welcome to Durley CE Primary School



**Through our Christian values of Love, Respect and Forgiveness...**

**...we aim to give children the confidence to make a positive contribution to the well-being of each other, give back to their local community and champion justice in the wider world.**

# How do we communicate with parents?

- We email letters and key updates. Please sign up for these updates using the form in your welcome pack, and ensure we always have your correct email address.
- Please look at our school website as it is full of useful information and has copies of all policies and forms.
- We send regular newsletters.
- We send texts and emails to remind you of upcoming events.
- We also send reminders on ClassDojo.



# How do we support our pupils?

We are proud of our nurturing and positive learning environment for all of the children in our care.



- In Blue class we love to recognise and celebrate children's hard work and successes by sharing achievements with other teachers, moving a child "up the ladder" and by giving Dojo's and stickers.
- Every Friday, children are chosen to show their work to the whole school in celebration worship.
- Each week a child in Blue class is chosen for their Kindness, Independence or Perseverance, for which they will receive a certificate in celebration worship.





# Attendance Really Matters

It is a legal requirement for all children to attend school each day, meaning all students should aim for 100% attendance.

Having full attendance means that no learning time will be lost and allows students to be able to achieve their potential.

We understand that sometimes there is a genuine need to have time off through family emergencies, such as a funeral, or if your child is genuinely too ill to attend.



# Holidays

- There is no entitlement in the law to take an absence of leave in school time for a holiday.
- Head teachers cannot authorise any holiday in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances, which does not apply to a family holiday.
- If you go on holiday without the authorisation of the Headteacher, you may be liable to pay a fine and/or be prosecuted for non-attendance.
- A two week holiday in school time means your child will miss out on approximately 50 hours of work to catch up on!
- Please think carefully before taking your child out of school during term time.



# Sharing Achievements and Assessments

- In the Early Years, we have our own curriculum and reporting system which leads on from pre-school.
- We hold parents evenings in October and February when you can see your child's work and meet with their class teacher.
- At the end of the year you will receive a full report of your child's achievements through the year and be able to drop in for a chat if you wish.
- If your child has special education needs, there will be additional meetings throughout the year to discuss his/her progress.



# Parking

- Parking on the school track next to the school is for staff only. Even if it appears that there may be a space, I need these spaces for staff who come and go throughout the day. Ensuring they do not arrive late whilst looking for a parking space.
- We are very grateful to Quob Stables for allowing parents to park at the entrance to their business at drop off and pick up times.
- There are also parking spaces available at the Memorial Hall and in the school layby.





# School Lunches

- All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.
- HC3S provide a menu which is on a 3 week rotation. A copy of this should be in your pack.
- The menu enables you to discuss the various options with your child to support them in making their lunch choice each day.
- If you decide not to take up the free meal, your child can bring in their own packed lunch. We would encourage healthy choices!





## Fruit, Milk and Water

- All children in Years R, 1 and 2 are entitled to free fruit for a morning snack. If your child currently is reluctant to try different types of fruit this is a great way for them to become more adventurous.
- All children up to their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday are entitled to free milk in school . Please complete the form inside your pack to sign up.
- We encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Please provide your child with a named water bottle, which will come home each day to be washed.



# Medicines in School

- It is really important to remember that we are nut free school.
- We have pupils with various medical needs such as allergies, intolerances and other illnesses/disabilities.
- If you have highlighted that your child has a medical need you may be asked to complete an Individual Healthcare Plan so we have all the information we need about your child.
- If your child requires prescription medicine at any time we will be able to administer this. Completion of a form obtained from the school office will provide the detail we need.
- Should your child be complaining of something like a mild headache or earache, we can administer liquid paracetamol. Please complete the form in your pack to give consent.



## Pupil Premium

- Your child's school may be entitled to **pupil premium** funding if you receive one of the following benefits: Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit.
- Your child's school may be entitled to additional funding if you are serving in HM Forces, or have retired on a pension from the Ministry of Defence.
- Your child's school may be entitled to additional funding if your child has been in care.

If you think the school may be eligible for additional funding to be spent on your child, please contact the Headteacher or check your eligibility <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals>.



# Durley School Association



We are very grateful to our Durley School association (DSA) for their for lending us their time, talent and ideas to raise funds for our school and children.

They hold many fun events for all the family including Summer and Christmas fayres, social evenings, spring disco, ice cream Fridays, Durley bear hunt and many more.

They are a registered charity, raising over £10,000 each year to improve the school facilities and provide valuable resources and equipment.

If you would like more information about their work, or would like to join the committee, please contact their Chairperson, Naomi Onisemo [DurleySchoolAssociation@outlook.com](mailto:DurleySchoolAssociation@outlook.com) or contact the school office.



# Governors



The Governing Body has 3 core functions:

- Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and the performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure it is money well spent.

15 Governors make up our Governing Body, who all voluntarily offer their time and expertise. We are made up of Parent , Co-opted, Foundation, Staff and Local Authority Governors. All governors are asked to do a four year term of office which can be extended if re-elected.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor or would like to find out more about the Governing Body please contact our chair of Governors, Jenny Carkeet.

[Jennifer.carkeet@durleyprimary.co.uk](mailto:Jennifer.carkeet@durleyprimary.co.uk)

**Finally ...**

**Now that you are part of the Durley school team, the values of Love, Respect and Forgiveness permeate through everything we do. It is therefore very important to us that this positive impact continues to underpin all of our work.**

**Please do not hesitate to contact the school if there is anything you wish to discuss with us as we are always here to help.**

**We look forward to welcoming you to our school.**

