

Welcome to All Saints CE Academy



An Induction booklet for
parents of new reception &
nursery children

September 2021



Dear Parents and children,

We would like to welcome you to our exciting school and we hope you enjoy your time with us. I am Mrs Wilson (Class Teacher), and below are a few people you and your child will meet each day. We are very important in the communication you as parents have with the school. We will aim to keep you informed personally about progress and matters in school whilst also being the people that you can speak to about any problems or uncertainties. We are here to help so please just ask!

Our pictures are below so you and your child/children can get to know us as quickly as possible!



Mrs Wilson
Class Teacher



Miss Lord
Teaching Assistant



Miss McBride
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Walker
Executive Headteacher



Mrs Manby
Senior Teacher



Mrs Goodwin
Office Services Manager

Here are some pieces of information which you might find useful.





The School day

8.45 am School gates open: Reception and Nursery children come across the playground and straight into the classroom.
You are welcome to bring them in the first week but we ask that after this time you encourage the children to come across the playground themselves, a teacher will always be in the class awaiting their arrival.

8.55 am School starts: Should your child arrive at school after this time please bring them into the school reception where Mrs Goodwin (Office Services Manager) will lead them to the classroom.

11.45 - 1.00 pm Lunchtime

3.15 pm End of School: please collect your child/children from the classroom gate. Nursery children will need to be signed out by the person collecting them. If your child is going home with someone else please inform the school office or class teacher in advance.

Uniform

Boys

Shirt - White polo shirt with or without school logo.
Sweatshirt - Navy blue with school logo.
Trousers or shorts - Grey
Shoes - Black/brown or navy, no trainers, sandals in summer **should not** be open toed.

Girls

Shirt - White polo shirt with or without school logo.
V-neck sweatshirt/Cardigan - Navy blue with school logo.
Trousers - Grey (Winter)
Skirt or Pinafore - Grey
Dress - Blue and white checked (Summer)
Shoes - low heeled/flat shoes **not** fashion shoes. Black, brown or navy. Sandals in Summer **should not** be open-toed.

Uniform can be purchased from our supplier Supersport who is based in Leek. You can order online or visit their shop.

<https://www.supersport.co.uk/schoolwear/all-saints-denstone.html>

Please make sure your child's name is clearly marked in each item of clothing.

P.E. kits

The following clothing is required for boys and girls:

Trainers - black if possible

Shorts - black

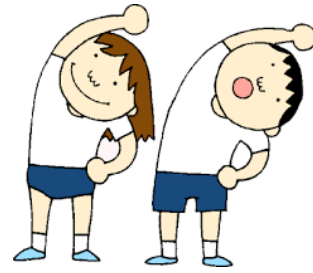
T-shirt -Blue with school logo

PE trousers - black

PE bag - a strong drawstring bag.

Spare pair of underwear and socks in case of any accidents!

Please make sure your child's name is clearly marked in each item of clothing.



Reading Folders

These are our main way of passing on information. Book Bags can be purchased from our uniform supplier. Please check daily for letters.

Once the children are ready for a reading book they will be changed as often as possible and there is a reading record for you to note when a child has read, and for any comments you may have.



Lunchtimes

All Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 children receive a Free School Meal which is cooked fresh on our premises each day by our Kitchen Supervisor. Nursery children can stay for lunch which is charged at £2.35. They provide a healthy balanced menu catering for all individual needs. Dinner times are supervised by our lunchtime supervisors. They ensure the children have a safe lunchtime and encourage good manners and eating habits. We ask for your support with this.

If children bring a packed lunch then we also ask you to support our work towards becoming a more healthy school. ***Also due to some children's needs we are a Nut free school so again we ask you for your support in this, ensuring all children are safe at our school.***

School information

The school needs to be provided with certain information to ensure your child has a safe and secure time with us. In your brown envelope are requests for contact numbers, medical information, permission slips etc. All are necessary and please can you ensure that they are returned as soon as possible. Please make sure staff are aware of any **medical needs** or **allergies** your child has before they start school. Thank you.

Snack time

As part of the national Fruit in Schools scheme our school will endeavour to provide each child with a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks at playtime. Alternatively parents may send in fruit, vegetable sticks, dairy snacks or plain biscuits. Crisps, cake, sweets, chocolate and sweet biscuits will not be permitted at playtime. The exception to this will be a Friday when children may bring a treat in. School will continue to supply fruit or vegetable sticks on this day and a healthy snack is still recommended.

Milk is also available, and can be ordered by using the leaflet enclosed. Milk is provided free until your child is 5.

Behaviour

We believe that children and adults flourish best in an ordered environment in which everyone knows what is expected of them and children are free to develop their play and learning without fear of being hurt or hindered by anyone else.

We aim to work towards an environment in which children can develop self-discipline, self-esteem, mutual respect and enjoyment. The school has a responsibility to create a secure and safe environment for pupils who are in their care. The school does all it can to prevent bullying and to deal with any issue if it occurs. School staff are watchful and observe the social relationships between pupils in the classroom and playground. Potential problems are discussed by staff. Children are made aware that unkind behaviour is not acceptable, that the school cares and that victims must speak out. Should unacceptable behaviour be witnessed or reported then the teacher discusses the situation with the child and finds out the details of the event. The teacher talks to the child about the consequences of their actions and how it might affect themselves or others. If the misbehaviour persists or is repeated, the teacher may ask the parent to come to school to discuss the problem. If the problem is not resolved the Executive Headteacher will be involved.



Bike Time and Working Outside

A key part of the curriculum for reception children is their physical development. Bike time is part of this and is done all year long therefore suitable outdoor clothing is needed everyday. The school has an early years area which is used by the younger children to support all aspects of their learning, again working outside. Please ensure the children come to school suitably attired to work outside at times.

Early Years children have the opportunity to access both inside and out on a daily basis, where all areas of learning are available.

The Foundation Stage

The children in reception work towards attainment in seven key areas of learning;

- Personal, Social and Emotional development
- Communication and language
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Physical development
- Expressive arts and design

There are "Early learning goals" for each of these areas which the children work towards. All work is planned to meet the individual needs of the children. We work closely with providers sharing transition information.

Every child in our school completes phonic and reading sessions at regular times during the week.

As well as observing the pupils in their daily taught sessions, we also use an online secure system of recording spontaneous observations for all Reception children on a system called Tapestry. To provide you with online login details, please ensure your e mail address is recorded on the data sheet.

Local Academy Council

The LAC is a group of people who manage the school. This is made up of parents, staff and other representatives from the church and the community. They hold termly meetings and have sub committees that meet regularly to ensure the smooth running of the school.

P.T.A. (Parent Teacher's Association)/ FOAL (Friends of All Saints')

The P.T.A./FOAL has a valuable role in school life. All parents are automatically members of the P.T.A./FOAL which meets approximately termly. They are a key voice in the life of the school, fund raising and they help to organise social events that enrich the school year. Please, please get involved as often as you can!



The Extras!

Merit System

The school operates a merit system which once a child obtains 15 team points their achievement is celebrated in the celebration assembly. Merits are awarded for special work or acts of kindness to give a couple of examples.

The School Council

The school council is made up of two children from each year group. They meet on a regular basis and talk about issues in school and organise fund raising.

Thank cake it's Friday

Each Friday in our celebration assembly we hold a cake raffle. It is 20p a week to enter the raffle, and this is paid in advance each term. This small fundraiser is run by the P.T.A./FOAL.

School Clubs

There are a number of after school clubs available to our children. Reception children are given time to settle before being given the chance to participate.

Communication

As your child begins school this is the most important area. The first people to speak to with any concerns or questions are myself (Mrs Wilson), Mrs Walker (Executive Headteacher), Mrs Manby (Senior Teacher) and Mrs Goodwin (Office Services Manager), however, any of the staff are available to help you.

The school holds two parents' evenings. The meetings in October and March take the form of an informal chat/discussion with the teacher and a chance to look at work produced.

At the beginning of each term the school sends out a Curriculum Booklet which informs you of the work the children will be doing. At least every month the school sends out a newsletter telling you what is going on in school and forthcoming events. There are also various letters and booklets informing you of all that goes on in school.

We also have our website <http://allsaints-denstone.staffs.sch.uk/> which provides all the information above as well as details and pictures of events that have happened in school too, this is worth checking on a regular basis.

Messaging service

Finally, an app is available to download from our website. This allows our school office to send you messages and reminders of all that is happening in school.

We hope you find all of the information you require in this booklet but should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office where we will endeavour to help.

