



# Headlines

Autumn Term Week 2

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## Good Afternoon Everyone,

We have had a great start to the new term with lots of happy smiling faces and positivity! Our school is a lovely place to be.

As a new Interim Headteacher, I have been so proud of the celebration assembly, the children's behaviour and respect and also the Buddy System. So many positives to share and I hope that you enjoy our newsletter.'

## Hello Everyone

It's been lovely to come back to school to see all your children's smiley, happy faces in their smart uniforms. We've started our new term with a bang – excellent behavior, sunshine and of course lots of fantastic learning. Our new starters are being amazing and have settled in We hope your children are coming home happy and full of positive stories to tell about their day. Please let us know if you have any queries or concerns. Very best wishes, Mrs Turner

## Year Group Introductory Meetings

Year group introductory meetings will be taking place in school on Monday 18th September and Wednesday 20th September.

At the meeting, your child's teachers will present important information about the year. You will have an opportunity to ask any questions. Don't worry if you cannot attend, the presentation slides will be made available on the school website from the following week.

## Reminder About School Uniform

Thank you for sending your children back to school in their school uniforms, they look great and ready to learn. Please remember that school uniform also extends to jewellery, particularly bracelets and earrings. We will ask children to remove bracelets to bring home.

I'd like to take this early opportunity to remind all parent/carers about school uniform:

- Red, black or royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan (with or

Monday 18th September		Wednesday 20th September	
5:30pm	Year 3	5:30pm	Year 4
6:00pm	Year 1	6:00pm	Year 2
6:30pm	Year 6	6:30pm	Year 5

without school logo)

- Plain white polo shirt
- Plain grey or black trousers/skirt/shorts

- Shoes should be practical, plain and black
- Socks/tights should be school colours
- In the warmer weather, children may choose school-style summer dress in either blue or red

For safety reasons, long hair (shoulder length or longer) must be tied back and no jewellery other than watches and earrings for pierced ears, are allowed. If worn, earrings must be plain gold or silver studs, and they must be removed by the children before P.E and swimming.

## Supervision Before and After School

Please remember that the school gates are closed until 8:45am and children remain the responsibility of parents. Please don't allow children walking unaccompanied to arrive too early at school for their own safety.

**We apologise for the late opening of the gate at home time** on occasions this week. Children in classes 1-6 will be kept with staff members until you arrive. Children in classes 7-14 are allowed to walk round the building with their friends. Please arrange a place to meet them in the KSI playground.

## Year 1 - Great Start to School Year

Year 1 have had a great start to the school year and have done so well to learn lots of new routines. The children have been impressing the staff with their learning in phonics and maths and have enjoyed exploring the areas of their new classrooms. This week, we had our first PE session with Mr Jacobs, demonstrating and developing our ball skills, and we had our first Forest School with Ruth, making mini-mes! We have been doing lots of work around the book 'In Our Hands', using this to think about all of the amazing colours in our world and to explore the idea of community. We shared photos of the different communities we belong to and have discussed how we can contribute to these with kindness and helping hands.

## Year 5

The children in Year 5 have made a fantastic start to the year. So far we have blasted off into space and explored the planets of the solar system, we have learnt about the different climates of South America and we have taken a stroll into the forest as we have started reading The Minpins by Roald Dahl. Over the next few weeks we will be working with the children to prepare them for our exciting residential trip to Cliffe House.

The Year 5 team

## Phones in school - Year 6 Only

Mobile phones for children are not allowed unless permission has been granted by school.

In some circumstance where the necessity for your child having a mobile in school can be demonstrated, your child may be allowed. This applies only to Year 6 children.

You can request a permission form from your child's Year 6 teacher should it be necessary. Devices would then be collected in by Year 6 staff and kept safe in the school office until the end of the day.

## PE Kits & Forest School kits

Children should come to school in their P.E Kit on P.E days and Forest School clothes on Forest School days unless instructed otherwise.

The P.E kit consists of:

- Plain dark shorts and/or jogging bottoms
- Plain white t-shirt (no logo)
- Plain dark hoodie/jumper
- Footwear should be trainers/pumps

Children should come to school in their Forest School clothing unless instructed otherwise. They should wear their school shoes or trainers to attend school, and bring wellies and waterproofs to change into if required. Layers of clothing are best for providing warmth.

The Forest School Kit consists of:

- Long sleeve top with a t-shirt over the top or vest underneath.
- Jumper or fleece
- Warm coat
- Long warm trousers, ideally with thermal trousers/tights/leggings underneath. Salopettes over the top are fantastic for keeping warm!
- Walking boots or wellies
- Extra socks
- Hat
- Gloves
- Waterproofs

If they have not already, your child's class teacher will let you know when this is and if you will need to send any spare clothes to leave in school on children's pegs or in their lockers.

This year children may also need an indoor PE kit for indoor gymnastics. We are adding to our PE provision this year with the arrival of a new dance coach after half-term, and your child may need to bring in an indoor PE kit for some half-terms. Your teacher will let you know in advance when they will need this and details of the indoor PE kit can be found in the prospectus on the school web site. For indoor PE such as dance, children will need to change in school. Thank you.

## After School Clubs

We still have some spaces available on our after school clubs. Clubs started this week on Monday 11th September.  
Monday Footy Tots - Y1 and Y2  
Wednesday Future Stars - Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6  
Thursdays Go Girls! Football - KS2 girls  
Friday Dance Stars - Y1 and Y2  
Friday Football Strikers - Y3, Y4

If you'd like to book your child a space, please visit your Parent Pay account and make payment to secure their place.

## Reporting Your Child's Absence

Please can I kindly remind all parent/carers to contact the school office if their child is absent from school. In the attendance policy it states:

### **If a child is absent, parents/carers must:**

- Contact school as soon as possible on the first day of absence detailing why the student is absent
- Report reason for continued absence

### **If a child is absent without explanation, school will:**

- Contact parents/carers in the most appropriate manner on the first day of absence if we have not heard from them e.g. phone call / home visit
- If the child is subject to a Child Protection Plan; Child in Need or Looked After Child, their Social Worker will also be informed of their absence
- Invite parents/carers into school to discuss the situation with our pastoral staff and/or a senior member of staff if absences persist

## Absences/Holiday Requests

We have been receiving a significantly large number of Absence Request Forms this term, Can I draw your attention to the school's policy below:

*All requests from parents for absence must be made in writing to the school in advance of any travel arrangements being made, and **at least two weeks prior to the absence**, using the leave of absence form which is available from the school office/website. The request should be sent for the attention of the headteacher and outline the specific reasons why the request meets the requirements of "exceptional circumstances".*

We ask that you avoid holidays during term time or this could result in a penalty notice.

## Allergies

Please be aware that we have children in school who have nut allergies. Please may I ask that the packed lunches and snacks you send **do not** contain any nuts.

## Good Luck Paula

Everyone at Meltham C of E School would like to wish Mrs Paula Spittlehouse the best of luck as she will be performing with Meltham Band in Cheltenham this weekend. They are one of two bands representing Yorkshire in the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain!.

## Online Safety

Please find attached important information about the dangers of live streaming online. Like a lot of digital services, live streaming really found its niche during the pandemic – think of Joe Wicks' at-home fitness classes, Billie Eilish's virtual gigs and Miley Cyrus' chat show, for example. Real-time broadcasting of video content over the internet isn't solely the province of celebrities, however: anyone with a device and something to say (or show) can take part.

With platforms such as YouTube, Facebook, TikTok and Twitch all offering routes to a vast online audience, young people have enthusiastically taken up the baton – streaming on subjects from gaming to sports to live shopping (yes, really!). Potentially having strangers among one's viewers, though, is just one of many concerns. The attached guide has the key information.

## Entitled to Respect

Please remember that like all Kirklees Council staff members, our staff are entitled to be treated with both dignity, respect and kindness both in verbal and written communication. Thank you for your support.

## Wellbeing Links

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<https://www.nhs.uk>  
<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/mental-health/index.aspx>  
<https://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk>  
<https://www.triplep-parenting.uk.net/uk/hot-parenting-topics/my-child/parenting-during-covid-19>  
<https://www.mind.org.uk>  
<https://www.annafreud.org>  
<https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder>  
<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/cost-of-living/index.aspx>  
<https://www.thewelcomecentre.org/articles/cost-of-living-support-from-kirklees-council>  
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## Cost of Living

Remember that if you would like regular updates and support on ways to help this winter in the face of the cost of living crisis, you can sign up for the latest information direct to your email at: [www.kirklees.gov.uk/cost-of-living](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/cost-of-living)

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<https://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk>  
<https://www.triplep-parenting.uk.net/uk/hot-parenting-topics/my-child/parenting-during-covid-19>  
<https://www.mind.org.uk>  
<https://www.annafreud.org>  
<https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder>  
<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/cost-of-living/index.aspx>  
<https://www.thewelcomecentre.org/articles/cost-of-living-support-from-kirklees-council>  
[www.kirklees.gov.uk/cost-of-living](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/cost-of-living)

## Dates for your diary

**Monday 18th Sept** - Introductory Meetings

(5:30,6:00,6:30pm)

**Wednesday 20th Sept** - Introductory meetings

(5:30,6:00,6:30pm)

**Thursday 5th Oct** - Tempest Family Photos

**Thursday 5th Oct** - FS Curriculum meeting - 6:00pm

**Thursday 12th Oct** - Year 4 Assembly to parents - 2:30pm

**Friday 20th Oct** - Year 2 Assembly to parents - 9:10am

**Thursday 26th Oct** - Sing Up Assembly All Years - TBC

**Friday 10th Nov** - Year 5 Assembly to parents - 9:10am

**Friday 17th Nov** - Year 6 Assembly to parents - 9:10am

**Thursday 23rd Nov** - Year 3 Assembly to parents - 9:10am

## Attachments

All attachments can be found on the school website [here](#).

