

Punctuality and attendance

Our attendance target is 97%. Please support us to achieve this target by ensuring your child comes to school regularly and on time. Children should be on site for the 8.50 am bell (but not before 8.40 am because there is no staff supervision before this time) and wait sensibly at the cloakroom door for their teacher.

Should attendance fall below 90%, it will come to the attention of the school's Local Authority Attendance and Engagement Officer.

If your child is absent for any reason, we ask you to let us know by phone before 9.00 am. (A message may be left on the school's answer phone). Please also notify us of any medical/dental appointments that your child may have during school time. On these occasions, we do require that all children are collected from school via the school office.

Holidays are not authorised during term time unless in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Headteacher

Medicine in School

We shall contact you if your child is unwell. Please ensure that we always have up-to-date contact details. If your child requires regular medical support, a Medical Care Plan should be completed (available on request from the school office).

For pupils needing to take medicine :

- ◆ Complete the medical form (this is available from the office).
- ◆ Return the completed form to the office along with the medication.
- ◆ Asthmatic children must keep a named inhaler with them at all times. Another inhaler should be given to the class teacher.

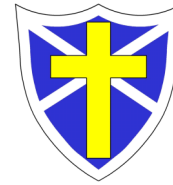
Children's own medicine (only essential medicine eg. Insulin, epipen) must be kept in school in an appropriate container. Parents are responsible for ensuring that the medicine and information is up-to-date.

Positive Behaviour Management

We do expect high standards of behaviour and politeness from all our children at all times. Behaviour management is firm yet sympathetic. We encourage children to have high self esteem, to respect each other and their property and to take pride in their school, the environment and the community in which they live.

School rules are made to allow the children to work, learn and play happily together. We are committed to promoting positive values and rewarding children who show they have thought carefully about the termly Christian value. We hope that parents will play their part in supporting the school in these aims. With this in mind, a copy of the St. Andrew's School rules can be found on the insert of this information leaflet. It would be helpful if you could take some time to discuss this with your child. Thank you.

Finally... You are very welcome to 'pop in' to talk to the class teacher but we suggest after school rather than before unless there is urgent information to pass on. Teachers tend to be busy preparing lessons etc. at the beginning of the day. A mutually convenient time can be easily arranged for a longer discussion.



St. Andrew's CE Primary School
'Learning together, we achieve great things'

This Year in Key Stage 2



Information for Parents and Carers



We hope that the information contained in this leaflet will answer any questions you may have regarding the curriculum and the pastoral care of your child in Key Stage 2 over the next academic year.

The Curriculum in Key Stage 2

The pupils in Key Stage 2 follow the full range of the new National Curriculum subjects. The themes and objectives to be studied each term are set out in the topic webs which are on the school's website.



Pupils study English and Maths through daily literacy and numeracy lessons and where possible teachers explore opportunities to encourage links between subjects to strengthen learning.

Delivering a Creative Curriculum is inspirational for both teachers and pupils. It makes learning motivational and successful for all involved. It is skills based and knowledge supported. Through this curriculum pupils not only learn what to study but how to study. These key skills for

learning enable children to become good communicators, solve problems, work well with others and ultimately improve their own learning performance.

Homework in Key Stage 2



Homework is set regularly to encourage children to extend their interest in the subject they are studying and consolidate learning in class. It is also in preparation for transfer to secondary school.

The following tasks will be set on a weekly basis:

- ◆ A regular talk homework will be set on a Monday evening to prepare children for their end of unit writing tasks.
- ◆ 10 –15 minutes daily reading practice with an adult. This should be recorded in your child's Reading Diary
- ◆ A word list to learn for a weekly activity related to the word list; (5-10 minutes)
- ◆ Maths homework (15 minutes this will increase as children progress through the school)

In addition, there may be a task of approximately 20 minutes for pupils to complete to support research about a subject being studied in school or consolidate grammar work.

- ◆ As the children go through the school homework tasks will increase.



We are always looking for ways to support our parents with their child's learning. Look out for the curriculum

St. Andrew's School Uniform

A high standard of personal appearance is required of all children. The St. Andrew's School Governors expect children to wear uniform in school and ask parents to fully support this expectation.

Uniform
<p>White shirt or white polo shirt Blue school polo shirt Blue school sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece with St. Andrew's logo Mid grey skirt, trousers or pinafore dress White/grey tights or socks, grey socks Sturdy/sensible black flat/low heeled shoes with laces, buckles or Velcro Indoor shoes – black plimsolls For the summer: Blue/white check dresses, mid-grey shorts</p>
PE kit
<p>Dark navy shorts White T-shirt – plain or with St. Andrew's logo Trainers Dark navy tracksuit for winter/outdoor games PE bag</p>



Jewellery: Only watches and small studs for pierced ears please. Studs will need to be removed by the child or, if they are unable to do this by themselves, taped over for all PE activities to meet health and safety recommendations. All jewellery must be removed for swimming lessons. No nail varnish in school, please.

Children will also need:

- ◆ A paint/craft apron, preferably with sleeves.
- ◆ A book bag - these can be ordered from the school.

Please label all belongings!

Snacks: Fresh or dried fruit is permitted at playtime—not sweets or biscuits. Fresh fruit is available and may be bought from school during the morning break. If you would like your child to have milk, please contact 'Cool Milk' via their website or by telephone. (Details are available from the school office.)

Money: It is safer to send money to school in a labelled school envelope.

Mobile phones: These are not allowed in school.