



Shanklea Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

**WELCOME
BACK!**

It has been fantastic to see the children return to school with their smart uniforms, new haircuts and, most importantly, smiling faces. All the children have settled well into their new classes and their new teachers have been very impressed at their hard work after seven lovely weeks of holiday.

Start and End of Day Arrangements

Thank you all very much for the way you have delivered your children to school in the mornings and left the site quickly afterwards. Our aim is to make school as close to normal as we can and every way we can limit risks whilst not impacting on the children's education helps.

In the afternoons, we would ask that parents stand towards the back edge of the yard – away from the school buildings. This allows the teachers to ensure the children are safely with them until they are passed over to parents. Their drop-off and collection points are shown below:



Nursery	Nursery Entrance – left side of school (as viewed from Nairn Road)
Reception	Reception Entrance – left side of school
Year 1 and Mrs Barron's Year 2 class	via changing room door on the main yard
Mrs Shires' Year 2 class	via mobile classroom (Learning Hub) ramp
Year 3	via Mrs Hagan's classroom door on main yard
Mrs Hagan's Year 4 class	via classroom door on main yard
Mr Brown's Year 4 class	via changing room door on main yard
Year 5	via doors to classrooms at back of school
Year 6	via doors to classrooms at back of school

Classes will always stand in the same area of the yard for dismissal so this should allow you to wait close by. We will endeavour to be prompt at dismissing classes to ensure you can leave site swiftly again at the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this.





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PE Lessons

The children will continue to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days. We have found this not only reduces the amount of lost clothes but also allows us to maximise time spent on physical activity.

Please provide your child with the following P.E kit:-

- School t-shirt, printed with the school logo (available from Cloud9 Leisure)
- Black shorts
- Black slip on plimsolls with elastic or Velcro fastening

Outdoor PE kit for Winter:

- Dark tracksuit, jogging suit or sweatshirt and trousers
- Trainers

Football shirts or other sports wear with logos are not acceptable wear for lessons.

Please see below which days your child's class have PE.



Reception	Mrs Short – Friday Mrs Laughton - Wednesday
Year 1	Miss Spence – Monday and Friday Mrs Downes – Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2	Mrs Barron – Monday and Friday Mrs Shires – Monday and Tuesday
Year 3	Both classes – Thursday
Year 4	Mrs Hagan – Monday and Wednesday Mr Brown – Monday and Tuesday
Year 5	Mrs Baxter/Mr Longthorne – Tuesday and Wednesday Miss Rigg – Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Both classes - Swimming Wednesday until Christmas; PE on Thursdays

Earrings and Jewellery

Pupils may wear a simple watch, which should be removed during practical or physical lessons. Earrings are not permitted; pupils who have their ears pierced may wear small plastic inserts only.





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Ears should be pierced at the start of the holidays to ensure that they have healed and earrings can be removed by September.

Children should not wear make-up or nail varnish in school.

Naming of Uniform and Lost Property

Please make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labelled with their name and class. The school will endeavour to reunite lost named items with their owners. Unnamed lost property will be disposed of at the end of each term.

Bags and Stationery

Children are provided with pens, pencils and stationery in school so should not bring any in from home. Children should not bring in over-large bags or rucksacks.



Reading Books



If your child has not already brought a reading book home yet, you will receive some on Monday 13th September. Reading books will continue to be sent home on Mondays and should be returned to school the following Friday. Evidence shows that being a fluent reader impacts greatly on academic achievement and in turn on opportunities in later life. Reading regularly at home with your child and making reading a positive experience is one of the best ways you can help them.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's reading, please contact your child's class teacher by email. Teachers' email addresses are listed on the school website at www.shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk

Water Bottles and Juice

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them every day. This should be clearly marked with their name and filled with water. Juice should not be brought into classrooms as it encourages insects and spillages can damage work and be problematic to clean away.

Parking

Please note that the streets close to school (Nairn Road, Needham Place and Northolt Avenue) are for residents/permit holders only. Parking enforcement officers patrol the area and you may receive a fine if you park on these roads even for a short time. The school car parks are for staff and official visitors only. Parents and carers must not park there to pick up or drop off children. For their safety, children are not permitted in the staff car parks.





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It is important that everyone in the Shanklea community respects each other and those who live close to our school. Please do not block driveways or pavements, drive too fast or act in any way that could put others in danger or at inconvenience.



Free School Meals

All school meals should be pre-ordered on the School Grid. Meals cost £2.40 per day unless your child is entitled to free school meals. This online facility also allows parent to ensure the Catering Team know if your child should not have any particular ingredients or foods. If you have any problems please let our Office Team know.

Children In our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes are entitled to free school meals every day. Some children in Years 3 -6 may also be entitled to free school meals based on family income and circumstances. More details are shown below.

Free school meals

Please see below for an explanation of how free school meals work, and for information on how to apply for free school meals.

Universal free school meals

All pupils in reception, year one, and year two are entitled to a free meal, without having to apply for this option.

Eligibility for free school meals

The government has made amendments to the eligibility criteria since April 2018. This is to reflect the introduction of Universal Credit.

PLEASE NOTE: Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
 - Provided you have an annual net income of no more than £7,400
 - This is assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
 - Provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run on
 - Paid four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you think you may be entitled for Free School meals please follow the link below:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx>





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Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 17th September

Shanklea Primary School will be supporting **Jeans for Genes** week on Friday 17th September. Children may come to school in non-uniform, ideally wearing jeans or something denim. Voluntary donations for this very worthwhile charity may be made on the School Gateway.



Moving to Secondary Education in September 2022

The Portal for applying for children to move to secondary schools (Year 7) will open on Sunday 12th September on the Northumberland County Council website. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2021.

It is very important that parents/carers of current Year 6 children apply before the deadline to maximise the chances of your child attending your preferred school.

If you have not used the portal before you will need to register as a new user. Please follow the link below for more information.

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Yr-5-Middle-Yr-7-Secondary-Yr-9-High-entry-applica.aspx>

School entry applications for Yr 5 (Middle), Yr 7 (Secondary), Yr 9 (High)

School admissions information for parents of children going into Yr 5 (Middle), Yr 7 (Secondary), Yr 9 (High).

Timetable for middle, high and secondary schools

Sunday 12 September 2021	Online Admissions Portal for middle, high and secondary schools will open on the 12th of September 2021 (You need to register as a new user if you haven't used the Portal before. If you've forgotten your password, click on forgotten password link) - (for late applications see below) leaflet on how to apply and portal user guidance to help you with your application
Sunday 31 October 2021	Closing date for all applications to be received by the Local Authority
Tuesday 1 March 2022	National Offer Day - Parents notified online of the outcome of their applications for school places
Tuesday 15 March 2022	Deadline for parents to refuse the school place.
Tuesday 22 March 2022	Any places that become available are allocated in criteria order (on time applicants)
Sunday 17 April 2022	All remaining places allocated on a first come first serve basis
Saturday 31 December 2022	No waiting lists held by the Local Authority after this date.

