



Monday 6th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to watch the children over their first couple of days, happy and excited to be back in school. The staff feel exactly the same!

I thought that it would be helpful to clarify a few things as we commence our first full week back into the new term.

Uniform

We would like to thank you for ensuring that your child/children are smartly dressed in their school uniform- they look incredibly smart. As a reminder pupils should wear:

- Black or grey trousers
- White or yellow polo shirt or blouse
- Maroon cardigan or jumper
- Black, sensible shoes

PE

Following last year's arrangements, where pupils came to school dressed in their PE on their PE day, we appreciate how much more time this gives the children to undertake their physical activity. Therefore, this arrangement will continue for this academic year. Your child should already know which day they will be doing PE, if you are unsure, please check with your child's class teacher. Children should wear the following PE kit:

- White polo shirt/t-shirt
- Black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- Black or grey outer jumper or school cardigan or fleece
- Trainers or plimsolls

Although pupils are permitted to wear flat studded earrings in school, these must be removed for PE lessons. Pupils are **not permitted** to wear any other jewellery and long hair must be tied back. We thank you for your continued cooperation with these safety rules.

Attendance

Pupil attendance at school is statutory and I am glad to report that many families have started the school year strongly, ensuring their child is in school every day and on time. As a reminder, gates and classroom doors close promptly at 8.50 in the mornings, with the register taken in class soon after. If you arrive with your child after 8.50am, you will have to report to the attendance office. We know that starting the school day like this can be very worrying for the children, so please allow plenty of time in the morning to reach the classroom doors before they close so your child can have a relaxed, worry free start to their day.

On the occasional days when your child is too unwell to attend school, please ensure that you report your child's absence by ringing the school's Attendance Officer on: 01159 649 388 or emailing



attendanceofficer@arnbrookprimary.net. This must be completed before 9.00am. Please do not message your child's class teachers or the head teacher via Dojo to report an absence as these messages can be missed. In the event that your child's absence is not reported through the attendance officer, the school has a duty to follow this up and you will be contacted.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a wonderful tool for sharing the exciting things that your child has completed in school and for sharing the positive behaviour choices that your child has made during their day. We also use this as a platform for sharing newsletters and important school and class information. I am pleased to report that over 89% of our school community is now signed up and actively using Class Dojo. If you have still not signed up to this platform, please speak to your child's class teacher who will help you to enroll.

Although Class Dojo supports strong communication between home and school, I would just like to emphasise its appropriate use. Our staff work incredibly hard during their working day and, although they are keen to reply to messages that you send via Class Dojo, this may not always be instantaneous. As Covid restrictions have eased, and you can now drop your child off at the classroom door, this is the best way to communicate with your child's class teacher. If you have to send a message via Class Dojo, please do not expect an instant reply and please also ensure that these messages are sent during the working day and not late into the evenings. After working so hard, our staff deserve to be able to go home and spend quality, uninterrupted time with their own families to enable them to recharge for the next day-We really do thank you for your cooperation with this.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns that your child's class teacher or Assistant Head cannot answer, then please speak to the office team and a member for the senior leadership team will be in touch, accordingly.

Contact Forms

Your child will be bringing home a new contact form during the week to ensure that we have the most up to date contact information for your family. Please ensure that you complete this promptly and return to your child's class teacher, even if your contact details have not changed from the previous year.

After such a wonderful start, we are very excited for a busy, fun filled term ahead.