



Little Stoke Primary School

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We really hope you have managed to have restful, relaxing and/or fun summer break. Welcome back to term 1, we are really looking forward to welcoming the children and families back to school on Monday 4th September at 8:45am. Please find below some reminders and useful information relating to the start of term.

Term dates:

<https://littlestokeys.co.uk/parents/carers/term-dates/>

Coming into and leaving school:

Reminder that in the mornings children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will go into and exit from the outside classroom doors. Doors open at 8:45am and they leave at 3:15pm.

Children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6, come in and exit through the hall double doors. Doors open at 8:45am and they leave at 3:20pm.

Children should not be on school site without adult supervision before 8:40am.

If you need to pass on a message to teachers in the morning, please could you do this via senior leaders or contact the office. **Please allow the teachers to focus on welcoming the children into school and settling the children to their morning task.** If you need to make an appointment to speak to a teacher, please contact the office so a suitable time can be arranged.

Staffing:

Please find a reminder of staffing below.

Unfortunately, Miss Martini - the teacher appointed to the Y5 job share position (opposite Mrs Potterton who is teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) - was unable to take up the post due to an unforeseen family circumstance, which was likely to be a long-term issue. We are pleased to share that Mrs Ratcliffe will be teaching opposite Mrs Potterton on Thursday and Friday for term 1. This will provide consistency for the children, as they know both Mrs Potterton and Mrs Ratcliffe well. We have begun the recruitment process for a permanent replacement. Although you will know Mrs Ratcliffe as one of our forest school leads, she is a qualified classroom teacher and has many years of classroom experience as well as specializing in all things forest school!

Class	Class Teacher
R	Teacher: Mrs. Heather Taylor TAs: Miss Leanne Park, Mrs Di Spencer
1	Teacher: Miss Sarah Huck TAs: Mrs Sophie Johnson, Mrs Leigh Woodward
2	Teacher: Miss Olivia Schwartz TA: Mrs Claire Fowler, Mrs Karina Cifuentes Rugeles
3	Teacher: Mrs. Hannah Cook TAs: Mrs Tamara McGregor, Mr Ben Reeves
4	Teacher: Miss Jaimie Bradwell TAs: Mrs Katie Hurrell, Miss Mel Elsworth
5	Teachers: Mrs. Izzy Potterton (Mon, Tue, Wed) Mrs. Jenny Ratcliffe (Thurs and Fri) TAs: Mrs Kalena Hodge, Miss Louisa Samuels

6	Teachers: Mrs. Becki Glover (Mon, Tue, Wed) Miss Alex Hull (Thurs, Fri) Mrs Jennie Courtier
SENCO/Inclusion lead	Mrs. Helene Sutton
Pastoral Role	Miss Jess Day (Monday – Wednesday); Mrs. Rachel Parker (Thursday and Friday)
Breakfast club staff	Mrs. Vishakha Sonkamble, Miss Sacha Beech, Mrs. Kim Roberts
After school staff	Mrs. Sandra Bennetts, Mrs. Vishakha Sonkamble
Support staff: Every class will have TA support in the morning. Afternoon TA support is used for targeted support as required. Administrative assistant – Mrs. Georgina Cattle (Monday to Friday 8:30am – 3:20pm) Business manager – Mrs. Annette Pittaway	

Forest school and PE for term 1:

(Days for reception will be communicated directly with parents before the children start full time)

Year Group	Forest day	PE day (s)
1	Wednesday morning	Tuesday
2	Thursday afternoon	Friday
3		Tuesday and Friday
4	Thursday morning	Monday
5	Wednesday afternoon.	Monday
6		Wednesday and Thursday

On PE days: Please ensure your child comes to school in PE uniform.

On Forest school days: For morning sessions: children need to come to school wearing forest school clothes and bring school uniform to change back into.

For afternoon sessions: Children need to come to school in school uniform. They will change into their forest clothes in school.

Please note: For next week only, Year 1 forest session will be on Tuesday morning (Tuesday 5th September). Therefore, there will be no forest school for Year 1 on Wednesday 6th September. This only affects one week; it then returns to a Wednesday morning.

School lunches

Please pre-order your child's school lunch via the School Grid website:

<https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2F>

Reminder that if your child has moved from Year 2 to Year 3, they are no longer entitled to 'universal' free school meals. If you think your child should be receiving free school meals, please speak to a member of our school office staff.

Arbor

Thank you to those parents and carers who have already signed up for the Arbor App and logged in. If you haven't already done so, please log in as soon as possible so we can sort any issues that may arise before we roll out wider usage in the new academic year. Arbor have also let us know that they have now upgraded their systems and you can use face ID/finger print ID/passcodes to log in to save you having to put your username and password in each time.

Please look for the e-mail and log in when you have the details. You can find out more information about the app here, which also includes information to support if you are struggling to log in.

Logging in - <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360020147458-Getting-started-Log-into-Parent-Portal-and-Arbor-App#what-is-the-parent-portal--0-0>

Using the app - <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/212097029-A-quick-introduction-to-Arbor-for-guardians-and-parents#logging-in-0-0>

If you have recently changed your e-mail address or believe that we do not have the correct e-mail address for you then please let us know via e-mail (admin@littlestokeys.co.uk) or come and see us in the office.

Attendance

As schools have recovered from recent disruption seen due to Coronavirus and Strep A, attendance has not returned to pre-covid levels. Regular attendance is vital for children's educational and social development. It is vitally important that children attend school regularly and parents inform the school office of any absences on the day they can't attend.

Uniform

It is great to see so many of the children regularly wearing the correct school uniform – it looks very smart and helps to create a sense of community. We have included the key information relating to uniform below but the full policy can be found here:

<https://littlestokeps.co.uk/parentscarers/policies/>

At Little Stoke, we expect all children to wear their school uniform each day. Please find details regarding school uniform below.

Please ensure each item of uniform, including forest and PE uniform, is labelled with your child's name. Sewn labels are best these can be purchased from a number of suppliers.

General Uniform

- Royal blue jumper/cardigan/fleece (with logo if possible)
- Royal blue or white polo-shirt (with logo if possible)
- Blue checked summer dress
- Grey or black school skirt/pinafore
- Grey or black school trousers or grey school shorts
- All black shoes or all black trainers (shoes should not have a heel or any logos or stripes)
- Black, grey, navy or white socks/tights (plain, block colours)
- Navy reversible waterproof/fleece coat (optional)

Occasionally we have non-uniform days, but we will always let you know in advance.

Forest School Uniform

If the children have forest school in the morning, they arrive in forest school clothes with uniform in a bag to change in to before lunch. If they have it in the afternoon, they come in school uniform and have forest school clothes to change in to after lunch.

- Old jumper/t-shirt/trousers
- Wellies/Sturdy old trainers
- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers
- Seasonal: woolly hat, gloves, scarf, cap, sun cream

PE Uniform

PE uniform is worn to school and the children keep this on all day for PE.

- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain navy blue or black sports shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- Royal blue jumper/cardigan/fleece (usual school jumper)
- Black trainers or plimsolls

Swimming

Children will need to be provided with a swimming kit when it is their turn for swimming. Girls need an all in one swimming costume and boys need above knee swimming shorts or trunks. Earrings and jewellery must be removed for swimming. If children cannot remove their own earrings, they should be taken out before school. It is advisable for children not to get their ears pierced in the term prior to swimming lessons taking place.

Hairstyles, Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are;

- plain studs in pierced ears
- a small watch **without sound effects – please do not send in smart watches**
- small objects of religious significance.

Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons or cover with tape to prevent them from causing injury. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings.

Hair

- Long hair must be tied back and should not impede vision
- Hair should not be dyed unnatural hair colours
- Children should not have extreme hair styles, such as logo designs shaved in or anything that draws unnecessary attention and detracts from the learning in class.
- Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be moderate in size and hair bands should not have large flowers attached.
 - Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Permitted jewellery/watches are the responsibility of the pupil and not the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded/replaced.

Where to purchase it

Our school uniform, with logos on, can be purchased from;
Monkhouse
Unit 1 Simmonds View
Stoke Gifford
BS34 8HR
tel: 011179620011
(www.monkhoe.com).

The majority of our school uniform can be purchased from all many major supermarkets and retailers.

At various points throughout the year, we will organise second-hand uniform sales. If you have any good quality uniform that your child may have grown out of and would like to donate, please let the office know.

It is parent and carers' responsibility to ensure that children arrive in school with the correct uniform as detailed above. If a child is not in the expected uniform, the parent/carer will be contact via letter in the first instance with a reminder of the expectations. If the problem persists, parents will be invited in to meet in order to resolve the issue.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

Best wishes,



Mr Dan Ross

(Headteacher)