

Our School Day

Early Years (Year R)

Key Stage 1 (KS1 Years 1 & 2)

- 08:55am to 3:15pm
- 12pm to 1pm lunch

Key Stage 2 (KS2 Years 3-6)

- 08:55am to 3:15pm
- 12:15pm to 1:15pm lunch

All children have a mid-morning playtime. KS1 also have an afternoon playtime break.

Our Uniform

By wearing our school uniform children feel an immediate sense of belonging to our school community and take pride in their appearance. A full list of uniform is available from the office which also sells key items.

It comprises black (or dark grey) trousers, shorts, pinafores or skirts with a white or jade polo shirt or polo necked top and a jade or black sweatshirt or cardigan. In summer girls may also wear a jade green and white checked dress with white sandals.

Shoes should be flat, sensible school types. Trainers or boots are not acceptable footwear.

PE Kit

PE is an important part of our school's curriculum. Children need to have a complete PE kit in school at all times. All children should have a white t-shirt and black shorts. Children from Year 1-6 will need to have black plimsolls or trainers and warmer clothing such as tracksuit bottoms and a tracksuit top for their outdoor PE sessions.

Eating at School

Dinners

Our School Kitchen serves a delicious and nutritious hot lunch everyday made from fresh ingredients and prepared on site by our catering team.

Every infant is entitled to a free school dinner.

Junior children pay £2 a day for a meal including a main, pudding, fresh fruit and a drink.

From Y3 upwards, families claiming any of the following benefits may be eligible for their child to receive a free school meal: income support, job seekers allowance, child tax credit, or be asylum seekers or refugees. The school office can help and all information is treated confidentially.

Packed Lunches

Parents may prefer to provide their child/ren with a packed lunch. As a member of the 'Healthy Schools Alliance' we ask that packed lunches do not contain fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate. In addition as we have a number of children with life-threatening allergies please do not send in any food containing nuts or nut products such as peanut butter or nutella.

Snacks

All children in Years R, 1 and 2 are provided with a healthy snack at break times as we are part of the government national fruit scheme. Children from Years 1-6 are also able to bring in a snack of their own that once again is in line with our healthy eating policy e.g. plain biscuits or fruit etc.

Drinks

It is really important that children drink enough throughout the school day. Drinking water and cups are available in Years R & 1 in the classrooms and Years 2-6 are encouraged to bring a named water bottle to school. Water fountains are available in the playground during the warmer months and there is milk and water available in the dining hall at lunchtimes.

School Communication

We want to ensure that you receive information from the school in a timely and purposeful way. Our Friday newsletter from our Head teacher contains key messages and upcoming dates for the diary. Providing the school with a current email address is the most effective way of ensuring you receive the information you need.

In addition we are able to contact you more quickly via text message in the event of a school closure or if a trip is delayed returning to school, for example.

A great way of finding out more about what is happening at the school is by logging onto our website at www.dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk where our 'Latest News' section allows us to share our most exciting recent activities and events with you.

Online Payments

Parents are able to pay for dinners, uniform and school trips via our online payment system (Tucasi). Setting up an account is simple and once your child is registered with the school you will be sent details of how to do this.

Contact Us

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