

Welcome to Carrington School

Ad Astra



You are at the start of an exciting journey!

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We are here to help you aim high,
think big and reach for the stars!

This booklet will help you settle in feeling happy, confident, and ready to learn and grow.



You are joining a big caring community.
These are our values that make our school the best it can be:

ASPIRE

- We pursue excellence
- We believe in ourselves
- We are ambitious
- We persevere

INNOVATE

- We are curious and creative learners
- We are courageous
- We show initiative and embrace change
- We work collaboratively

RESPECT

- We are kind to ourselves and others
- We take responsibility
- We celebrate diversity
- We care for our environment



How should I prepare for my first day?

On your first day, make sure you are wearing the correct uniform, you have all the equipment you will need and that you get to school on time. We have sent your parents or carers a full list of the uniform and all the equipment you will need. We will also give you a Student Planner on your first day.

What equipment will I need?

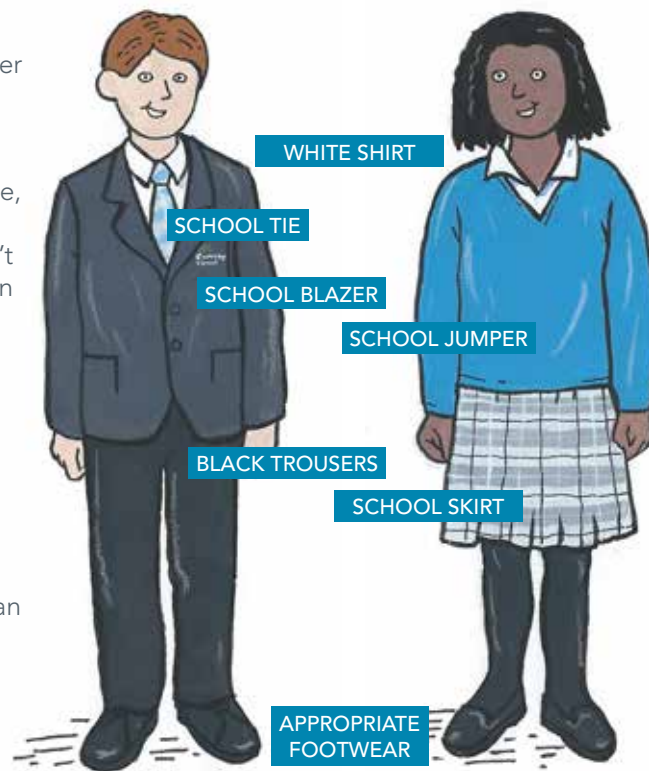
You will need pens, pencils, a rubber, a ruler, a calculator, a water bottle, your Student Planner, a book to read, and a backpack to keep it all in. Always pack your bag the night before so you aren't in a rush and don't forget anything. You will also need to remember to bring your PE kit on days that you have PE.

Getting to school

Check your route well before your first day so you know where to go and how long it will take. Check bus or train times as well.

What about food?

You can bring a packed lunch or use The Observatory, which is our school canteen, serving hot and cold options at breaktime and lunchtime. On your Induction Day on Tuesday 29th June, we will take an electronic imprint of your fingerprint for the cashless catering system. Your parents and carers can add money to your account using their ParentPay account and you can also do this using cash at a special machine in The Observatory. Every day there is a great range of delicious food that caters for every taste!



What does the school day look like?



School starts at 8.55 on Monday and Friday and at 8.30 the rest of the week.



School ends at 15.20 on Wednesday and 15.05 the rest of the week.



Lunch break is half an hour and starts at 13.00 or 13.50, depending on the day of the week.



There is also a half hour morning break.



Every day there are 6 or 7 lessons which are 45 minutes long.



There are different classrooms for lessons but you will soon get used to finding your way round and you have five minutes to move between classes.



During the first few days at school, you will be guided to and from classes and have a little extra time to move from one to the other. So, don't worry about getting lost!



Antares, our library, is open from 7.45 until 17.00 so you can go there before school and after school if you want to, as well as during break times, to work or to read quietly.



What will I study?

You will study a wide range of exciting subjects. Many of these will be completely new to you! We have **Art and Design**, **Drama**, **Music**, **PE**, **Personal Development**, **English**, **French**, **Spanish**, **Religious Education**, **Mathematics**, **Science**, **ICT & Computing Design Technology**, **Geography**, and **History**.



What about homework?

You can track your home learning using the 'Go4Schools app'. You will get reminders about homework, but the app will also give you a notification when a task is set and when it's due. Your parents or carers will also get a reminder on their version of the Go4Schools app.



How can I get more involved?

There are lots of ways to get involved in school life!



We have a School Council where you can help make decisions about how the school is run as well as get involved with local community and global issues.

The Excellence Programme will allow you to explore all kinds of interesting and new activities to build your skills and develop new ones. Everyone takes part in this!

Our Enrichment Activities that run after school are another great way to join clubs and sports teams. We have some unusual and exciting things going on such as **Ultimate Frisbee**, **Gardening Club**, **Chess Club**, **LOADS** of sports including football, netball, rugby, rounders, basketball, handball, and athletics, cheerleading, **Drama Club**, **Music Studio Club**, and **Book Club** – every term there are new and different sessions to join in.



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