



Magenta Class Information for parents

Welcome to Magenta Class. Here is some important information about our class.

- Miss Drake is the teacher in Magenta Class.
- Miss Birch is our teaching assistant.
- Every Monday afternoon, Magenta has time for PPA (planning, preparation and assessment). During this session, the children will have a combination of a PE lesson, a French lesson (with Miss Ford) and an art lesson (with Miss Birch).

Alternative pick up arrangements

If you have made arrangements for your child to go home with someone different, it is essential you let us know. Please message via SeeSaw (our new home-school communication device) as soon as possible, preferably the day before, to allow us to receive the message in good time. For urgent changes on the day, please ring the office.

Year 5 and 6 walking home

Children in Year 5 and 6 are able to walk home by themselves, provided that we have parental permission. A permission form has already been emailed home with the Year 5 and 6 children. If you have not received this, please get in touch with the office as we may need to update your email details. This will need to be completed and returned before your child can walk home alone.

Clothing

Even though we are a no uniform school, we do have a standard of dress that we expect from the children. In order to continue to have a no uniform policy, there are certain criteria which must be followed for the children's comfort and safety.

Please ensure that the children follow this basic dress code:

- No hats/caps indoors
- No jewellery (especially necklaces, as they can be dangerous and could get pulled)





- No dangle/drop earrings. Stud earrings only are allowed but must be covered for PE.
- No high heels
- No Oodles or onesies - these are not appropriate for school unless it's pyjama day.
- No cropped tops that show stomachs.
- A coat or jacket to school every day, which will withstand light rain.

The children should have clothes labelled with their name. Please make sure your child comes to school in comfortable and practical clothes for a day in the classroom. May we also remind those older children that makeup should not be worn here at school.

Drinks in the classroom

The children are allowed to drink water freely during the day especially when it is warm. They should bring a water bottle to school that can be kept in a specific area of the classroom and that has their name on it. Please encourage your child to take their water bottle home daily for cleaning and refilling.

P.E.

We will be doing P.E. on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure your child dresses in appropriate clothing on these days.

If your child wears stud earrings, it is school policy that these are either removed or covered for P.E. lessons. Please either teach them to do this themselves or remove them before they come to school that day, as we are not allowed to do it for them. Please also make sure that your child brings a bobble on P.E. days if they have long hair.

Home-School Communication

We will be changing our home-school communication tool from Bloomz to SeeSaw. SeeSaw is a user-friendly app that will be used to share class updates and showcase your children's work, similar to how we have utilised Bloomz in the past. Instructions on how to sign up will be sent to you next week once the classes are set up.





Reading books

We will hear children read regularly in class, including within groups and individually. Your child will bring home a library book that they have chosen and some children will bring home banded reading books. If possible, please hear your child read for ten minutes each day as this makes a big difference to the progress they make. Please encourage the children to change their book as much as possible.

Homework

We do not ask for parents to do specific homework tasks. We will regularly share with you our topic knowledge organisers so that you can keep up to date with the learning the children are doing in school and you may choose to do activities that link to this at home. As the year progresses, the Year 6 children will also bring home some CGP books to support them through their end of key stage 2 assessment. A letter about the CGP books will be sent in the Autumn term.

Dinner Money / Lunch

We would appreciate payment via 'ParentPay' for school dinners (£2.80 per day). However if you prefer to pay by cash or cheque, please send dinner money for the week on a Monday morning in an envelope with your child's name on and which days they would like school dinners. If you wish, you are welcome to pay for several weeks at a time.

A reminder that we implement a no nut policy at school (this includes spreads such as Nutella).

Medicines

If your child needs to take medicine during the school day, please take this to reception. You will need to fill in a consent form for us to administer this. For children with inhalers or epipens, please also do this and we will discuss specific arrangements for your child.





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Toys

We ask that the children do not bring toys or footballs into school. We have footballs and playground equipment in school for the children to use.

Lost property

We would like to reduce the amount of lost property we accumulate in school. To help us reunite children with lost clothes it is essential they have names on all items of clothing. Please help us by labelling all your child's property, including water bottles and pack up boxes.

Best wishes,

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