Benson C of E Primary School

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Useful information for new parents:

School Uniform

Pupils wear a white polo shirt and our school jumper or cardigan, displaying the school logo, with grey trousers/shorts, skirt or pinafore. Please provide black school shoes or black trainers for your child. In the summer children can wear red gingham dresses, if they wish.

School uniform is available from our uniform supplier, Michael Hope, please see link on the school website or go to www.michaelhope.co.uk

FoBS (Friends of Benson School) is our PTA group, and they also maintain a stock of second-hand uniform and hold regular uniform sales.

In KS1 a Book Bag is essential for all children so please order one with your uniform. Pupils also require a PE kit (plain white t-shirt or white t-shirt with school logo, navy or black shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers). On the class PE day, the pupils come into school in their PE kit, so PE bags are not required.

The only school logo items that your child requires are a sweatshirt/cardigan, PE t-shirt and a book bag (if appropriate). All other uniform items are non-logo so can be purchased from a variety of high street stores.

Contact & Medical details

Please ensure that your contact details and your child's medical information are kept up to date. If your child has a serious allergy or asthma you will need to complete an Individual Health Care Plan with your child's teacher. Please ensure your child has their medication in school at all times (including inhaler for asthma) and the medication is in date.

SEND / Health Needs

If you believe that your child has any additional needs that we need to be aware of, please do let us know so that we can support your child appropriately when they join us.

Essential school items

Please ensure all your child's items are named, including a coat, water bottle and bookbag.

Class information

Each class has a class page on the school website where you can find details of the curriculum for your child, homework and PE information. Please do check this regularly and if you have further queries, please email your child's class teacher using the class email address.

Term dates

The school term dates are available on our website, under the Parents tab.

School Lunches

These are booked online in advance by parents, and this system will be set up once your child joins the school. The menu is available on the school website for you to discuss with your child. Alternatively, you can provide a packed lunch for your child. If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, based on your household income, please complete the Free School Meal Eligibility Form. Payment for lunches, school trips etc are made via the online payment system, School Money, and you will be sent the log-in details once your child has started at our school.

If your child has a specific food allergy, please let the class teacher know and complete an Individual Health Care Plan. Our catering team may then contact you to discuss adjustments to the lunch menu.

Milk & Snacks

Milk is optional and booked online by parents. Please only register for milk if your child will drink it otherwise we get too much delivered! Please sign up at www.coolmilk.com Milk is free for pupils under 5 years old, so where there is a charge you pay this directly to Coolmilk.

We are a ***Nut Free School***. Please ensure your child's breaktime snack is healthy (a piece of fruit or a cereal bar) and nut free. Children in Nursery and KS1 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) receive fruit at break time, which is funded by the government. Please also ensure there are no nut products when providing packed lunches.

Absence from school

If your child needs to be absent from school due to illness, please contact the school via email or phone by 8:30am stating the reason for absence. Holidays taken during term time will not be authorised and may incur a fine, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please complete a form from the office if you wish to apply for an exceptional absence from school.

PTA

Friends of Benson School (FOBS) is our PTA. They arrange many events for the school and provide financial support through their fundraising activities. Please see the school website for more details and how you can get involved or email them at fobs@benson.oxon.sch.uk

Wrap Around Care – Benson Buddies

This will be run by the school from September 2026 and is available for pupils in Reception to Year 6. The Breakfast Club is open 7.30am – 8.45am at a cost of £6.50: and After School Club is open 3.15pm – 5.30pm at a cost of £15.00.

Please see our website for more information, or email buddies@benson.oxon.sch.uk

The school team are committed to ensuring that all children experience a smooth transition and that you as parents feel informed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01491 202502 or office.3181@benson.oxon.sch.uk

We look forward to working with you on the next phase of your child's educational journey.