



COLD NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child into their new class in September. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few things:

Attendance

Please make a note of the school day times and ensure your child arrives at school on time – lessons will start promptly and lateness can cause disruption:

- Gate opens 8:35 am and closes 8:45am – after this time, you will need to sign your child in at the office.
- Home time is 3:15pm.
- If your child is off school due to illness, please let us know before school starts; when deciding whether or not your child should attend school when they are unwell, please follow this guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
- Whilst your child is in your care on-site, before and after school, please ensure they are standing with you, and not playing with school equipment.

Stationery & Equipment

From September, we would like children to bring their own pencil case with stationery to school. All items must be named, and the pencil case must be able to fit into their trays, so not deeper than 3cm when filled.

Items for the pencil case:

- writing pencils
- handwriting pens (not biro / ballpoints) for Maple and Pine Classes only
- ruler with cm marks
- pencil sharpener (one which collects the shavings, so it can be used at the desks, please)
- glue stick
- colouring pencils
- white board pens
- small cloth to wipe white boards

Due to lack of space, we would like children in EYFS and KS1 to bring in a school book bag (rather than a rucksack). Children in KS2 may bring in either a book bag or a rucksack.

Food and Drink

Children will need to bring in a named water bottle which they can refill during the day. This must only contain one of the following:

- water
- water with fruit pieces in (i.e. in an infuser bottle)
- flavoured, colourless water (but please be aware that some flavoured waters contain either added sugar or sweeteners and additives and, therefore, may not be healthy choices)
- they may also use an Air Up bottle



Please note that none of the children are permitted to bring in squash or fruit juice in their water bottles; they will be asked to pour it away and replace with water.

In EYFS and KS1, the government provide each child with a fruit or vegetable snack which they have during morning break time. In KS2, there is no government-provided snack; the children will be allowed to bring in a healthy snack for their break time: fruit, cheese or vegetables only please.

Homework

Please support your child to complete their homework regularly; if you have any queries regarding homework, please discuss it with your child's class teacher.

- Children are expected to read **daily**; please sign their reading record books whenever they read.
- From Year 1 upwards, children will receive weekly spellings which they will be tested on the following week.
- All children have access to our maths apps (kindly funded by the PTA), Numbots (in EYFS and KS1) and Times Tables Rock Stars (Year 2 upwards). Their log on details should be in their reading record books. They should be playing for a short time daily; children's usage will be monitored by their class teachers.
- From time to time, children may be set 'one-off' homework, such as research for a topic, a holiday project, or learning lines for a performance.

P.E.

On your child's P.E. days, please ensure they come into school wearing their P.E. kit.

Monday	Ash Class (Year 1); Willow Class (Year 2)
Tuesday	Maple Class (Years 4 & 5); Pine Class (Years 5 & 6)
Wednesday	Oak Class (Year R); Ash Class (Year 1); Willow Class (Year 2)
Thursday	Holly Class (Years 3 & 4); Pine Class (Years 5 & 6)
Friday	Oak Class (Year R); Holly Class (Years 3 & 4); Maple Class (Years 4 & 5)

- No large logos, please
- White T shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Black or white trainers
- Plain sweatshirt with no hood and no zip (dark colours only, e.g. black, grey, navy blue)
- Plain joggers (dark colours only, e.g. black, grey, navy blue)
- No earrings, watches or any other jewellery

Jewellery

- Watches are permitted (if your child can tell the time), but not smart watches.
- From September, the only earrings permitted (not for PE lessons) will be the clear, flat-back, flat-front kind. We will hold a stock in the office for those with pierced ears.

Forest School

Each class will have Forest School on a Wednesday morning for half a term. When it is their half term, they will need to dress for outdoor learning, with wellies, waterproofs and long trousers, and bring their school uniform to change into.

Autumn 1	Ash Class* (Year 1)	Spring 2	Willow Class (Year 2)
Autumn 2	Holly Class (Years 3 & 4)	Summer 1	Oak Class (Year R)
Spring 1	Maple Class (Years 4 & 5)	Summer 2	Pine Class (Years 5 & 6)

* not the first day of term

Thank you in advance for your support, and enjoy a restful summer holiday,

School Staff