

Starting School Parent Handbook

Walton CEVC
Primary School

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day



A Parent guide to starting school in Owls Class

Welcome to Walton CEVC Primary School

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Walton CEVC Primary School. Our school is dedicated to providing a warm, nurturing and stimulating environment where children can explore, learn and grow. We believe that early childhood education lays the foundation for a lifetime of curiosity, creativity and academic success.

At Walton CEVC Primary School, our dedicated teachers and staff work closely with families to create a supportive learning community that nurtures each child's unique potential.

This Parent Handbook serves as a guide to help you understand our school ethos, daily routines and expectations. We encourage you to read through this handbook carefully, as it will provide valuable information on how we can work together to ensure a positive and enriching experience for your child.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to an exciting and joyful learning journey with you and your child.

Warm regards,



Mr Lucas Upham
Headteacher, Walton CEVC Primary
School

Our Senior Leadership Team



Mr Lucas Upham
Headteacher
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Kate Tidmarsh
Senior Teacher
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Katherine Cooper
SEND Coordinator
Wellbeing Lead

Our Early Years Team



Mrs Emma Manley
EYFS Lead
Owls Class Teacher



Mrs Imla Mills
Higher Level
Teaching Assistant



Our Curriculum

As a church school at the heart of the community, Walton CEVC Primary School is committed to provide each child with the opportunities to achieve their full potential academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually. Through strong partnerships between home and school, inspired by Christian values, we aim to equip the children in our care with skills and confidence to meet future challenges.

The characteristics of effective learning underpin all 7 areas of learning and development. They represent the process rather than the outcome.



PLAYING & EXPLORING



ACTIVE LEARNING



**CREATING & THINKING
CRITICALLY**



Our Curriculum

Between the ages of 3 and 6 your child learns faster and develops more rapidly than at any other time during their life. We believe this learning should be a pleasurable and rewarding experience, in which they play and explore, investigate, create, practice and rehearse.

Our EYFS curriculum focuses on the following 7 areas of learning:



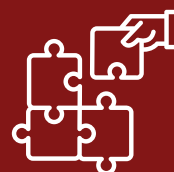
**Personal, Social
and Emotional
Development**



**Physical
Development**



**Communication
and Language**



Mathematics



Literacy



**Understanding the
World**



**Expressive Arts
and Design**

A Day in Owl's Class

Time	Activity	Description
8:40 – 8:50 AM	Arrival	Transition activities and social interaction.
8:55 – 9:00 AM	Register and Carpet Time	Welcome the children
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Phonics, Group Reading and Handwriting	Focussed adult led learning time
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Snack Time	Fresh fruit, water and milk
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Playtime	Social time with other classes and games
10:30 – 11:15 AM	Literacy and Continuous Provision	Literacy input and activities with time for child led play
11:15– 12:00 PM	Maths and Continuous Provision	Maths input and activities with time for child led play
12:10 – 1:15 PM	Lunch and Play	Hot Meals and Packed Lunches followed by gross motor activities outside
1:15 – 1:25 PM	Register and Carpet Time	Get ready for afternoon
1:25 – 1:40 PM	Collective Worship	Whole school session
1:40 – 3:00 PM	Afternoon Learning	PE, RSHE, Creative Development, Understanding the World input and continuous provision
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Story Time	Story shared and preparation for pick-up.
3:15 PM	Home Time	Children collected from Owls outdoor play area

Lunchtime

All children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school meal. Our meals are provided by Beech Catering. The children will eat their lunch in the school hall and then enjoy playtime within our playground.



School Meals

Lunches can be ordered online via ParentPay. The children can choose from a choice of main or vegetarian meal, or a packed lunch option. All options include a pudding.

Packed Lunches

Alternatively, you may provide your child with a packed lunch from home. We do encourage parents to try the school lunch service initially as the children do enjoy the meals it provides and there is plenty of choice for all.

Parents may request meal modifications for dietary or religious reasons.

Medication and Allergies

If your child has any medical needs or allergies, please make this known to the school office and fill out any necessary paperwork to allow staff to provide medication in the school day.

We have a school uniform to give the children a sense of pride in their school, a sense of community and belonging. In this way the school has a sense of identity and becomes instantly recognisable when taking part in various local events with other schools and on day visits.



School Uniform

Uniform Essentials

Boys:

- Grey or black trousers or shorts (in summer)
- White shirt or white polo shirt
- Maroon school sweatshirt embroidered with school logo and name
- Grey or black socks
- Grey or black school shoes

Girls

- Grey or black skirt / pinafore or trousers
- White blouse or white polo shirt
- Red and white checked summer dress (in summer)
- Maroon school sweatshirt or cardigan embroidered with school logo and name
- White or black socks, grey or black tights
- Grey or black school shoes
- Sensible summer sandals (covered toes please)
- Black, brown or maroon hair bands and clips



School uniform can be purchased from the South West Schoolwear Shop at The Warehouse, Willmotts Yard, Southover, Wells, BA5 1UH.

This year the PTA will provide each child with a Walton School book bag so you will not need to buy one prior to starting school.

All clothing and accessories must be labeled with your child's name to prevent mix-ups.



Please could the children come dressed in their PE clothes on a **Friday** ready for PE. It would be really useful if the children wore Velcro trainers until they are confident to tie shoe laces. In PE lessons the children play games, dance and learn to move their bodies in different ways, developing their co-ordination and sporting skills.

PE Kit

Suitable clothing is essential in order to participate fully in these sporting activities. Children will, therefore, need the following items:

- Black shorts
- White t-shirt
- Plimsolls or trainers
- Hoodie with school logo
- Jogging bottoms are useful for P.E. sessions during the colder weather.

Jewellery

- Only small studs may be worn at school
- Children will need their studs removed or covered for all PE sessions

Communication

Tapestry

At Walton CEVC Primary School we use the Tapestry app to share your child's learning journey with you. Staff will upload observations and photos to show the activities your child has been taking part in and the progress they are making. Parents and carers will be invited to sign up using an email link, which will allow you to securely access your child's online journal through the Tapestry app or website. You will also be able to add your own observations and special moments from home to help us build a full picture of your child's development.

Reporting

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile

This is an on-going assessment throughout the Foundation Stage Year. Your child's progress will be discussed with you at the parent consultation meetings in the Autumn and Spring terms. This assessment is based on observations and time spent working with the children. It demonstrates your child's progress towards the Early Learning Goals (ELGs).

At the end of the year you will receive a written report detailing your child's progress and achievements in all 7 areas of learning as well as targets for them to work towards as they move into Year 1.



Home Learning



The most important way you can support your child at home is through talk and time together. Children from language rich backgrounds have solid foundations to build on at school.

We ask that the children read as often as possible as language and reading underpins all of their essential learning.

Create a routine that suits your child and family and regularly set aside time to read the school book. Please sign or record how your child is doing with their reading.

Classroom Setup & Learning Environment

At Walton CEVC Primary School we aim to provide the children with open ended and interesting learning spaces.

The children have regular access to the outdoor area where they can explore nature and concepts on a much larger scale.

The classroom is set up to allow access to all areas of learning when the children are directing their own learning time.



Outdoor Learning Spaces



Preparing for School

- 01** Encourage your child to be independent. Try to get your child accustomed to being away from you for short periods of time. Encourage them to manage things for themselves such as getting dressed, going to the toilet independently, fetching and cleaning up toys, eating and drinking without help.
- 02** Help them to recognise their own name as this will help them with the initial activities that the children will do when they first come into school in the mornings.
- 03** Sing songs and say nursery rhymes with your child as this helps to develop your child's memory and will help them join in when singing songs in school.
- 04** Give your child as many varied activities as possible that involve talking, co-operation, sharing and listening. Activities such as cooking, model making, role play, simple board games, jigsaws, counting, play dough and, of course, story reading.
- 05** Develop gross motor skills by playing at the park, climbing, hanging and balancing as well as riding on a scooter or bike.





Puffins After School Provision

On Mondays to Thursdays we offer after school provision from 3.15–5.15pm. This is run by Mrs Mills, Mrs Chinnock and Mrs Tucker. The children do a variety of activities, even homework if they wish!

Fees

Hours	Cost	Food
3:15–4:15	£5	Slice of toast and squash/ water
3:15–5:15	£10	Piece of fruit and water

We ask you book in advance via our booking form system. We do accept last minute bookings providing we have places that day.

Please come to the school office to request a booking form for the term.

Breakfast Club

Walton Under 5's Preschool, located at Walton Village Hall, run a breakfast club for those who need childcare before school opening times.

Drop off starts at 8am and the children will be collected and walked to school by a member of school staff every morning.

The children are offered breakfast and have the opportunity to play during the session.

Please contact them for more details:

Walton Under 5s Pre-school
waltonunderfives@yahoo.co.uk
Tel: 07970443157



Walton PTA

- The PTA always welcomes new committee members to help organise fundraising events for our school.
- Regular events are Family Bingo, Cake Sales, Christmas Fair and a Summer Celebration.
- The PTA is a good way for new parents to meet other parents and to have a say in raising valuable additional funds for the school that will benefit all the children.



We look forward to seeing you in September!



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