



Welcome to Selston Church of England



We hope that your child is looking forward to starting school. We have written this booklet to help both you and your child as he/she starts school. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to school and if, after reading this booklet you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are very proud of our school and hope that your child will be happy and excited to be joining us.

Before starting school

There are many practical ways in which you can help your child before starting school. These include:

- Talking to your child in a positive way about school in general and what to expect.
- Helping your child to become more independent in activities such as dressing, going to the toilet, handwashing, eating etc.
- Making sure that your child knows what is his or hers (lunchbox, clothing etc) and making sure that it is clearly labelled. Some parents have found it helpful for their child to 'practice' using their lunchbox/getting changed for PE before starting school.

An introduction to the school day

Due to Covid- 19 we have staggered the start times for our classes, Reception's day begins at **8:40** and ends at **3:05**, Year 1's begins at **8.50am** and ends at **3.15pm** and Year 2's begins at **8:30** and ends at **2:55**. The class teacher will come into the playground and ring the bell, the children will then line up and come into school. If your child is late for school, please sign them in at the school office and organise their lunch arrangements. If your child will arrive after 9.30am, then please contact the school so that they can arrange their lunch option in time.

At snack time the children can have a carton of milk which is provided free of charge up until the age of 5. If you would like your child to continue to have milk once they have reached the age of 5 please register with www.coolmilk.com. Each child is also entitled to receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day. If your child has any allergies, please speak to a member of staff.

Lunchtime is 11.55am until 12.50pm. Children may bring a packed lunch or have a free hot school dinner with pudding. If your child has any specific dietary requirements, please complete an information sheet (available from the school office) for our School Chef.

At the end of the day, the class teacher will bring the children into the playground at to meet with parents/carers.

If the person who usually collects your child from school is unable to do so, please let either their class teacher or the school office know as soon as possible. If we are not informed, we will contact you to confirm the arrangements.

How can you be involved in school life?

There are many ways in which you can be involved in your child's education. We value any information you are able to give us about your child and we welcome you into school with any questions, worries or celebrations of achievement.' There are many opportunities to come into school including parent workshops, open classrooms, parent's evenings and school performances.

We do have a PTA group which helps to raise extra funds for the school by organising fairs, film nights etc. If you are interested in joining or would like further information, please either contact them on selstoncofepta@gmail.com or leave your details at the school office and we will arrange for someone to contact you.

What to wear:

Our school uniform consists of: Grey trousers/skirt/.dress, white polo shirt
Red sweatshirt/fleece or cardigan – black shoes/trainers.

Orders can be made through My Clothing at www.myclothing.com where you will find all our school logo clothes available. Just enter our school name to access our site. Please remember to label each item of your child's clothing (including coats) with their name so lost items can be easily returned.

For PE lessons the children will need joggers, shorts, T-shirt, sweatshirt, plimsolls and trainers. Whenever the weather allows, we will do PE outside, so please ensure these items are in your child's kit at all times.

Homework: (pre-Covid)

Your child will bring their home/school diary home each night. In their diary will be activities such as spellings, letter/word cards, number work, reading work or topic specific activities. , homework will also be set via seesaw app.

Attendance:

If your child is absent from school for any reason please telephone or email the school office as soon as possible on the first day of absence. If you do not inform school by 9.00am a member of the school office staff will telephone or text you to ask for the reason for the absence. It is school policy to treat any term time holidays as an unauthorised absence which is in line with other local schools.

Accidents, injuries and illness:

If your child has a minor accident, they will be treated in school and the incident entered in our accident book. If your child bumps their head, a letter will be sent home. If a more serious accident occurs or they are ill and need to be sent home, we will contact you straight away.

Medication:

If your child needs to use an inhaler, please contact the school office for a consent form and make an inhaler available for use in school. Other medication may be administered but you must speak to a member of

school staff beforehand and the relevant form completed. Only antibiotics that need to be administered 4 times a day can be administered in school hours.

Safeguarding:

We take the safety of the children in our care very seriously and are committed to safeguarding and meeting the needs of our children. All members of staff and volunteers coming into school to help with spellings or reading have been subject to safeguarding checks. The school gates are locked by a member of staff whenever the children are outside in the playground and the children cannot access the door release button in the main entrance.

We also have a statutory duty to report if there is a child in school showing any signs of abuse. Sometimes we may ask you about a bruise or a change in behavior, please do not be offended, we just have to check these things out from time to time.

Newsletter and texts:

We send out newsletters every month which will have a list of school dates and more details about school events. We also use the Parentmail app to send notifications to you via text/email and all payments should be made via this app. We are trying to be a cashless school where we can, and would appreciate your co-operation in this.

Our school website is www.selston.notts.sch.uk this will give you an opportunity to check newsletters, calendar dates, copies of letters sent home in book bags etc. A copy of the up to date list of school holidays are sent out each September and all other important information you may need.

Our class teachers use an app called "Seesaw" which allows teachers, pupils and parents to communicate and have work set for pupils during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Keeping us up to date:

It is very important to us that we are notified immediately of any changes to contact numbers, addresses and any medical information relating to your child. Please call into the school office to make any changes. You will be asked to fill in a record/data form when your child joins us, please make sure you give as much information as you can - you will be given the opportunity to update this each year.

Breakfast Club:

Miss Dyson runs a very successful breakfast club from 7.30am each morning. The cost is £3.00 per day from 7.30am, £2.50 per day from 8.00am and £1.00 per day from 8.20am. Miss Dyson provides a healthy breakfast and activities until the children go to their classrooms. She will need 24 hours' notice if you would like your child to use the service – ways to book in advance are. Telephone school office 01773 780131, email breakfastclub@selston.notts.sch.uk or via Parentmail app.