



Be the best you can be every day.

Key Information for Parents - Year 6

Absence from school

- The school should be notified of all absences by telephoning our absence line or via email to info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk
- If no reason for an absence is received the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.
- If your child is late arriving at school they must enter via the front doors and report to the school office so that the attendance and dinner registers may be marked.

Beginning and End of the Day

- Arrival times are phased to allow travel between village sites (see below) and children go straight to their classroom on arrival at school.
- Registers will be taken at 9.00am, so please ensure your child is in school by 9.00am at the latest.
- At the end of the school day, all junior children at Brockham will finish at 3.15pm.
- If there are last minute changes to collection arrangements for your child/children please call the office who will inform the class teacher.

Break-time Snacks

- Children in Year 3 and above should bring in their own healthy snack. We do not allow biscuits, sweets, crisps or nuts.
- We have adopted a “**Nut Free Policy**” at our school as we have a number of children in the school with nut allergies. For some of our children contact with nuts puts them at severe risk. Therefore, **NO** food products containing nuts should be brought into school.
- Children are encouraged to bring in water bottles but water only please, no juice or squash.

Communication

- The easiest way to communicate with your child’s class teacher is through the homework diary. However, you may prefer to email; if this is the case, please contact the office on info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk and this will be passed on to the relevant teacher.
- Each year group will send home a learning letter fortnightly and copies of these can be found on the school website (www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk).
- Newsletters are sent home fortnightly and copies of these can also be found on the school website.

Health and Safety

- If a child has a serious accident at school, we will contact a parent straight away. We deal with minor accidents and parents will be given details when they collect their child.
- An email is always sent when a head injury has taken place and a telephone call made to parents.
- Any allergies should be reported to the class teacher and will be noted on the child’s records. If your child suffers from any medical condition, which requires on-going medication or inhalers, please discuss both the condition and treatment with the staff.
- Children learn best if they are fit and lively. If they are poorly they are unable to give of their best. If your child has been sick or had a tummy upset **please do not return them to school for 48 hours after symptoms have subsided**.

Homework

- Daily reading and maths to be recorded in homework diaries and signed by an adult.
- The children will be have either Maths, English or Humanities homework set on a Thursday returned on a Tuesday.
- In addition they will have regular Year 6 spellings to learn which we will be checking in either the children's work or during a dictation.

Jewellery

- Necklaces, bracelets and rings of any kind should not be worn in school as they are easily damaged or lost and we cannot be responsible for their security.
- Studs in pierced ears are permissible, but they **must** be removed for P.E. and swimming ideally prior to coming to school. School staff are not permitted to remove them and children cannot participate in the lesson if they are wearing earrings. This is a Surrey County Council ruling.
- Neither nail varnish or tattoos are to be worn at school.

Medicines

- If your child is taking a course of medication and requires a dose at school, please leave it at the school office where you will be asked to complete a permission form. Without this we are unable to administer any medication.
- Please do not send the medicine into school with your child. It must be brought to and collected from the School Office by an adult.

P.E.

- Children should come in to school wearing PE kit/tracksuit bottoms/sweatshirt or PE hoodie on their PE day. We would also appreciate it if children wear North Downs PE kit (purple shorts & white T-shirt).
- PE will be on **Wednesdays only** in the Autumn term as Swimming makes up the additional PE lesson.
- Swimming lessons are on **Tuesdays** or **Fridays** in the Autumn term, depending on your child's ability level.
- There will be changes to PE and Swimming timetables in the Spring and Summer terms, and these will be outlined in Learning Letters closer to the time.

Mobile phones

- Should your child need to bring their mobile phone to school please ensure you have completed a consent form which can be obtained by the office.
- The phone should be kept in your child's bag whilst they are on the school site.
- In the mornings, they should switch the phone off and hand it in, in their classrooms. The phones are then stored securely during the school day.
- At the end of the day, your child can collect their phone from the classroom and keep it in their bag.
- If your child has a smart phone and you would like guidance about which apps are appropriate for them to have on their phone, please do ask. We respectfully remind you that children need to be 13 before using Whats App, Snap chat and Tik-tok.

School Uniform Reminders

- School shoes, not trainers should be worn. Shoes should not be open toed or sling-backed for safety reasons.
- Outdoor learning - please provide waterproof, trousers, wellies/walking boots, comfortable trousers and a jumper or fleece. You will be informed as to when your children will need these so these can be brought in when required or, alternatively, left in school.
- Breaktimes - We try and make as much use of our amazing grounds as possible and so if you would prefer your child not to go on the grass areas in their school shoes, please provide different shoes for them to wear at these times.
- During hot weather children are encouraged to come to school with a sunhat. We would also

encourage you to protect your children by applying sunscreen **prior** to coming to school, that protects for at least 5 hours.

- **PLEASE** name everything, including detachable hoods.
- Lost property is kept under the play shed at Brockham and in the entrance to the office at Leigh.

NDPS Website

- We keep past copies of all letters, newsletters and forms on our website. www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk
- Key instant recall facts (KIRFS) information can be found on the website as can support booklets for maths, spelling and grammar.
- In addition, you can find the list of forthcoming events and curriculum information.
- Please do check our website regularly as it is a useful resource for information about the school.