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## High Down Junior School

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5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome to Year 3

We are absolutely delighted to welcome your child and you to Year 3. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year of learning.

### Tomorrow (and every day)

We start school in the Juniors at 8.40 and home-time is 3.15. This means that if you have Infant children, you can bring your Y3 child to school first and then walk round to the Infants. Similarly at home time, you can collect your Y3 child first and then go round to the Infant school.

The school gates open at 8.30. Each class lines up on the playgrounds (Y3 & Y4 on the top playground and Y5 & Y6 on the bottom playground). Class teachers will be on the playground, so ask your child to look out for us and then line up. You are then free to go – there's no obligation to stay until we take the children into the classroom. If there is something that you need us to know urgently, then please mention it to us then, but due to us needing to look after the class, an after school meeting for a longer chat with the teacher is much easier. Talking to the office staff is an alternative way of getting a message to us.

### Some housekeeping (a lot of this information was in the letter sent on 14<sup>th</sup> July)

- We encourage children to bring in a small, named water bottle, which can be taken home every day to be washed and refilled.
- We also encourage children to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable, to eat at the start of playtime (by this we mean 'real' fruit and veg, not fruit bars or biscuits). The morning is long and a mid-morning snack can make a huge difference to the children's ability to concentrate. Junior children do not get free fruit, so you will need to provide your own, if your child wants to eat fruit. Please ensure that



NO NUTS or anything containing nut products are ever brought into school.

- Children can bring in a small bag to carry their drink bottle, lunchbox, fruit for break, their reading book and journal.
- Children will wear school uniform and school shoes (please avoid laces if your child can't tie their own), apart from on PE days.
- School uniform comprises:
  - ❖ Trousers/shorts: Plain navy, grey or black
  - ❖ Skirts: Plain navy or grey
  - ❖ Dress: Gingham blue summer dress/Plain navy or grey pinafore
  - ❖ Sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece: Plain navy or school branded
  - ❖ Polo shirt/shirt: Plain sky blue or school branded
  - ❖ Footwear: Plain black school shoes or trainers. (No fluorescent or branded trainers, high heeled shoes, backless, open-toed or strappy sandals)
  - ❖ Tights: Plain navy, grey or black
- Year 3 children will need to wear their P.E kit to school on **Wednesdays**. We will also have P.E. lessons on another day in the week, but this has not yet been decided (we just need to make sure there are no timetabling clashes across the year groups). We will let you know this additional day as soon as possible. Our first PE lesson will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

The Junior School P.E. uniform is:

- ❖ Joggers/tracksuit/shorts/leggings/skorts: Plain navy or black (not branded)
- ❖ T-Shirt: Plain sky blue or school branded
- ❖ Fleece/tracksuit top: Plain navy or black (or use school sweatshirt/fleece)
- ❖ Footwear: Trainers – Plain dark colour (not branded)

Please see <https://highdownschools.co.uk/parent-info/school-uniform/> for more information.

- Second hand uniform is available and sold by the PSA. If you require any second hand uniform please contact the school office who will put you in contact with the PSA.
- Please make sure that all clothes and belongings are labelled with your child's name. This means that, if your child loses something, it stands a good chance of being returned. If you write the name in pen, please check after each wash that your child's name and class are clearly visible.
- We have all the stationery that the children will require, so Year 3 children should not bring pencil cases into school.
- We should be grateful if you would make sure your child does not bring toys/trading cards into school.



**Parent information afternoon: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm, we are holding a meeting in the hall for parents. This is an opportunity for you to find out what your child will be learning in Year 3. We look forward to seeing you there. The presentation will be uploaded to the website following the meeting, incase you are unable to attend.

Yours sincerely,

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