

NEWSLETTER 1
14th September 2018



Firstly, we would like to welcome all the children back to the academy after the summer break. The children have settled well into their new classes and we would like to extend a special welcome to the new children joining Fairfield for the first time. We hope you will be very happy here.

This newsletter is issued at least once a month and contains lots of useful information on things happening within school, any trips your child's class will be going on and our expectations in relation to attendance, uniform etc. A text will be sent when a newsletter is coming home and it will be available on our website under 'News'.

PE

Each class have PE on different days so we advise your child brings their PE kit to school on Monday and takes it home on Friday for washing. They should have a House coloured T-shirt, black shorts and suitable trainers/plimsolls. Here are the days each year group will have PE:

YEAR GROUP	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Reception		Monday
Year 1	Thursday	Tuesday
Year 2	Friday	Wednesday
Year 3 & 4	Tuesday or Wednesday	Friday
Year 5 & 6	Monday or Tuesday	Thursday

Any earrings must be removed by the child for PE or covered with plasters which you should provide. We recommend not coming to school in earrings that day to prevent possible injuries or loss of the jewellery.

MyEd

The school office use the MyEd app for sending out messages and letters and this app can be downloaded for free from both Google and Apple. All texts and messages sent will be sent to the primary carer which you have indicated on your consent form as priority 1. If a second parent/carers would like to receive messages this should be indicated on the contact form or you should speak with the school office who will arrange this. Please ensure you have notifications turned on so you don't miss important information coming home.

UNIFORM

As we begin the new school year this is a good time to remind you of our uniform policy. Children should be wearing black or grey skirts/trousers with a white polo T-shirt and a bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan. The Academy sweatshirts and cardigans can be purchased from Uniform Direct in Grimsby. Green dresses may also be worn. We expect all polo shirts/collared shirts to be tucked in at all times. Black or grey flat school shoes should be worn. Please ensure **all** uniform is named. We are already building up a collection of sweatshirts with no names in!

The school will not accept any 'extreme' hairstyles. This includes: Mohicans, shapes/logos shaved into, or sprayed onto, the hair and coloured/bleached hair. Minimum clipped hair length is a No. 2. Any hair accessories should be in school colours and of a modest size. This means only green, black or grey small bows/ribbons are allowed. If your child comes to school in a large/coloured bow they will be asked to remove it.

Please see our website for the full Uniform policy.

RECEPTION NEW STARTER CLASS PHOTOGRAPH

The Grimsby Telegraph will be in school taking our Reception new starters on Friday 21st September. Please inform the office if you **do not** wish your child to be in the photograph. Please be assured if you have not signed consent on the blue forms your child will not be in the photo anyway.

PURPLE CONTACT/CONSENT FORMS

These need to be completed on an annual basis as many things can change including medical details and consent. Please ensure these are completed and returned to the office asap. Try to include a few emergency contact numbers in case of need.

OOSC BOOKING FORMS

October forms are out Monday 17th September. Please ensure you book early as places are limited.

YEAR 6 CARLTON LODGE RESIDENTIAL

Final payments are now due and should be paid via Parentpay by Monday 17th September.

FLU VACCINATION FORMS

These have been sent home for all pupils Reception to Year 5. Please return to the school office. Vaccinations will take place on 19th November.

PARENTPAY

All payments made to the school need to be done via Parentpay. As you are aware all clubs and dinners need to be paid in advance of the club or meal being taken. Please ensure the money is allocated to the actual club and not left in your Parentpay account.

Here is a reminder of our day at Fairfield with important information about our expectations.

School begins at 8.40am. All pupils must be in their classrooms for registration at 8.50am. Anyone arriving after this time will need to be signed in by the office and will be marked as late on their attendance record. Numerous late marks will be reported to our Learning Mentor who will speak with parents.

Any absences for the day must be phoned or messaged via MyEd into school first thing. You should give a full reason for absence and for safeguarding reasons we need a phone call/message each day until your child returns. A text will be sent if your child is missing from registration. Can we remind you that all medical and dentist/doctor appointments should, where possible, be taken out of school time. We appreciate that this is not always possible but we ask that you avoid registration times of 8.50am and 1pm-1.10pm so your child's attendance is not affected. Any appointments should be reported to the school office with a letter. If the appointment is booked via the phone or text, the office can provide you with a NHS attendance card for you to get signed by the doctor/dentist.

A reminder about sickness. If your child is sick they should not return to school until 48 hours have passed without being sick. Please phone the office each day they are absent from school.

Lunch is 12pm for Foundation/KS1 and 12.10pm for KS2. Meals are available from the school kitchen at £2.20 per day. This must be paid in advance or on the day the meal is taken. Foundation and KS1 are free at present under the Government scheme. The menu is available for you to see on the school website or you can collect a paper copy from the office. Dinners do not need to be ordered and your child can choose an option at the counter. If, however, you wish to order a specific meal for your child this can be done on an order form from the school office.

The school day finishes at 3.15pm.

Please note the gates to the school are locked for your child's safety from 8.30am-9am and from 3pm-3.30pm to prevent cars entering and being driven in the school grounds. Can we remind you that this is a no-smoking site and there should be no smoking around the school gates or in the school grounds. This includes e-cigarettes and vapour cigarettes. Anyone wishing to take their child out of school during term-time should complete a Leave of Absence form but please be aware that under Government & Trust guidelines, requests for leave during term time will only be authorised under 'exceptional circumstances'. Any absences noted will be advised to the Education Welfare Officer and you may be fined. Any child taking time off who we believe is on holiday is subject to the same policy and possible fine. All pupils have a target of 96% attendance.

Half term reports will be sent home the last day of each half term with a full report towards the end of July.

There will be a parents evening in October where you will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see how they have settled in. Appointment booking forms will be sent out via MyEd shortly.

Each child has been issued with a water bottle to keep in class for them to be able to have a drink during the day. If this comes home please can you ensure it is returned to school with water, no juice or fizzy drinks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

Friday 14th ... Reception New Starter Grimsby Telegraph photograph

October

1st - 3rd ... Year 6 Carlton Lodge residential

Tuesday 16th ... Individual & Sibling photographs

Friday 19th ... School breaks up for half term

Tuesday 30th ... Pupils return to school

TERM	YEAR	OPEN	CLOSE
1	2018	Wednesday 5 th September	Friday 19 th October
2		Tuesday 30 th October	Friday 21 st December
3	2019	Tuesday 8 th January	Friday 15 th February
4		Monday 25 th February	Friday 5 th April
Bank holiday Monday 6 th May			
5	2019	Wednesday 24 th April	Friday 24 th May
6		Monday 3 rd June	Tuesday 23 rd July

Teacher training days

Monday 3rd September

Tuesday 4th September

Monday 29th October

Monday 7th January

Tuesday 23rd April