

MICKLEOVER PRIMARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2019

Free School Meals

Some children are entitled to free meals at school. Please read on for further information.

From September 2014, all children in the infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will automatically receive a free school meal. If you are entitled (see below for criteria) it is important that you complete a free school meal application form, as registering could mean extra government funding for our school.

Even if you don't want your child to receive a free meal, **it is important to register** so that the school gets as much money as possible. This extra money could go towards things like extra tuition, additional teaching assistants and after-school activities. Signing up for free school meals does not mean that your child must have a school meal five days a week. You can choose to provide a packed lunch on some days, if you prefer. Please advise the office on which days of the week they will be having a school meal.

How to apply

To sign up for free school meals, please see the school office for an application form.

Free school meals for Junior pupils

Free school meals are available for all school-aged children whose parent(s), carer(s) or guardian(s) receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit only (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income does not exceed £16,190)
- Pension Credit Guarantee
- Universal Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Again, please see the school office for an application form. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



Harvest

We felt it would be nice to support the elderly in our own community at harvest time, so are once again partnering up with the 'Live at Home' scheme here in Mickleover / Littleover. As you are always so generous in your donations, we will also be sending surplus

donations to The Padley Centre in Derby.

We will be holding our harvest assembly on Tuesday 15th October. We will be asking the children to bring their harvest gifts into school on this day, and if possible, to put them in a small, decorated shoe box, as this will make transportation easier. Also, please send non-perishable donations as they last longer, eg tins, tea, coffee, biscuits, long-life fruit juice etc, as we won't be able to deliver the gifts until later in the week. Alternatively, if you know an elderly person in the Mickleover area (within short walking distance of school) whom you feel would appreciate a harvest gift from the school, please fill in the slip that your child brought home, return it to school and we will ensure that it is delivered to them at some point during the week of the 15th. Thank you for your support.

Parents' Evening (22nd & 24th Oct)

A letter will be coming out soon to invite you to parents' evening, between 3.30-6.30pm, to meet your child's class teacher and discuss how your child has settled into their new school year.

Inset Days

Inset days this year are on the following dates:

Monday 21st October, Friday 19th June, Monday 22nd June & Monday 13th July. The children will not be in school on these days.



Absences from School

On the first morning of your child's absence, please ring school to let us know that your child is poorly; you can leave a message on the office answer phone or send a message via the Weduc app.



Welcome to Mr Sahota who has joined us as Year 1 teacher in Cats' Class whilst Mrs Branch is on maternity leave.
Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Branch who had a little baby girl, Sophia, at the end of the holiday.

Who do I talk to?

If ever you have anything you are concerned about, regarding school, your child's class teacher is always the first port of call. As the children now come into school at 8.45am, unfortunately your child's class teacher won't be able to speak to you at this time of the day, although messages can always be passed onto them through the school office. The end of the day is always the best time to catch them - if you work, a quick phone call to the class teacher will enable you to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

There may be occasions when you would like to speak to Mrs Halliday (KS2 Assistant Headteacher), or Mrs Jones (KS1 Assistant Headteacher); again, a quick phone call to discuss your concern or make an appointment to come into school is best rather than trying to catch them at the beginning or end of the day.

As you know, I am always at the gate first thing in the morning and most afternoons and can pass messages / concerns on to relevant staff members, so come and chat to me.

Mrs Coyle, our Safeguarding and Inclusion Manager, is available to speak to if you feel your child is struggling at school eg due to family break-up, illness or bereavement. She can be contacted via the school office. If you feel your child has additional needs then Mrs Goozee is our SENDCO.

Whatever your concern, there is someone in school who can help you. If you don't feel that the issue is solved initially, please let us know so that we can try a different strategy. It's through working together that we will be able to keep your children happy and safe at school.



Term Dates 2019-20

Term dates for the current year and future years can always be found on the Derby City website.



Fri 25th Oct 2019	Break up for half term
Mon 4th Nov 2019	Return to school
Fri 20th Dec 2019	Break up for Christmas
Mon 6th Jan 2020	Return to school
Fri 14th Feb 2020	Break up for half term
Mon 24th Feb 2020	Return to school
Fri 3rd April 2020	Break up for Easter
Mon 20th April 2020	Return to school
Fri 22nd May 2020	Break up for half term
Mon 1st June 2020	Return to school
Fri 24th July 2020	Break up for summer

Private Access Road

Please could I ask parents who are waiting for their children at the end of the day, to wait on the school grounds rather than on the access road as I have had complaints from residents that they are not able to access their garages, get to their houses etc. At this time of day, the gates are shut, so you are able to wait on the car park.



Also, you may not be aware, but the road that many of you use for walking along to get into school, is not a public footpath but is a private access road, owned by the houses and not a public right of way. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Dropping off

Just a quick reminder that infant parents can say goodbye to their child by the reception classrooms, as for safeguarding reasons, we cannot allow parents across the playground at this time of day. Someone is always on hand to pass on a message to the class teacher if you need to get in touch first thing.

Bikes/scooters

It's great to see so many children cycling and scooting to school. (Please make sure bikes/scooters are named.) Just a reminder that within the school grounds, the children **must** walk their bikes and scooters; this also applies to the car park.

Home-school diaries

Please remember to sign the home-school diaries when you have listened to your child read. You can also use the diary for any notes or messages to the class teacher.

Parking

When dropping off and picking up your child from school, please try to avoid parking on the pavement or across residents' driveways.



Uniform

You can now buy our embroidered uniform from the "My Clothing" website. Please visit myclothing.com and choose our school. There is a link on our school website you can use. The school will receive cash back rewards for all uniform purchased.

If you have any uniform queries, the school brochure is available on the website or you can ask in the office. Here's a brief overview: grey trousers/skirt, white polo shirt/blouse, maroon sweatshirt/cardigan, white/black/grey socks/tights, black school shoes. Please name **all** uniform, shoes, coats, PE kits etc. As the weather becomes colder and wetter, you may wish your child to wear boots to and from school and at playtime/lunchtime. If this is the case, please send your child with their school shoes to change into when inside. Whilst jewellery and nail polish are not allowed, children may wear a watch and a pair of **small, plain** stud earrings if they wish. Please note that earrings **must not** be worn for PE. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, please do this for them on PE days, before coming to school. We also ask that girls wear **plain clips/headbands** - no large flowers or bows.

