



Learning and friendship go hand in hand

Ringway Primary
Guidepost
Choppington
Northumberland
NE62 5YP

School Information from September 2024

Drop off and Pick up times/Attendance

School starts for all pupils at 8.45am, with registers closing at 8.50am. If your child arrives after this time, they will be marked as late. Anyone who is late must enter school through the main reception door to ensure they are signed in.

School will close for all pupils at 3.15pm.

If your child has permission to walk home (Year 5 and 6 - written consent must be provided for this), they will be dismissed at 3.15pm.

Any absences must be reported to the school office on each day of absence. Attendance and lateness will be recorded and monitored and school will follow the procedures to refer to the EWO (Educational Welfare Officer) if and when needed.

Homework

Reception

Reading

Children will begin by bringing a wordless picture book home to share with an adult each week. Once children are ready; they will then bring home a sound blending or reading scheme book and be given access to an e-book on Oxford Owl. Alongside this, they will also bring home a library book to share. Any reading that is carried out at home, should be recorded in your child's Reading Record book. Scheme books will be changed on a Monday and library books will be changed each Friday.

Phonics Homework

Children will receive weekly Phonics homework. This will link to the sounds which they have learned and will be given out on a Friday. Please ensure their homework book is brought into school each Thursday for their next piece of homework to be added.

Year 1 and Year 2

Reading

Children will be given a scheme book each week which is closely matched to their Phonics learning within school. Alongside this, they will also bring home a library book to share at home. Any reading that is carried out at home, should be recorded in the child's Reading Record book. All books will be changed once per week.

Children should also access their e-book on Oxford Owl. This is linked to the book they are reading in the Read, Write Inc phonics sessions in school - your child's login to the online portal will be within their reading record.

Spellings

Every Monday, children will receive a spelling test in school. These spellings will link in with their Read, Write Inc. phonics/spelling learning that takes place in school. Each week they should practice these spellings at home in preparation for this test. Spellings will be uploaded onto Spell Shed and children can access games linked to these on the EdShed platform. We will also send a list of the spellings home at the beginning of the school year should your child wish to practice their spellings in a different way and there is also a copy of all spellings on our website.

Maths

In Year 2, children will be given access to Times Tables Rockstars once times tables are introduced (this is normally in Spring term). They can then use this to practice their times tables.

Homework Task

Children will receive a weekly homework worksheet relating to their learning in class that week. This will be sent out on a Monday and should be brought back into school by the following Monday.

Year 3,4,5 and 6

Reading

If your child is still on our Reading schemes as they enter Key Stage 2, they will continue to bring this book home and read one-to-one with an adult in school. Once they are off the scheme, they will choose an appropriate book from our School Library to read at home.

Spelling

Every Monday, children will receive a spelling test in school. These spellings will link to their Read, Write Inc. spelling learning that takes place in school. Spelling lists will be set fortnightly in Key Stage 2. Each week they should practice these spellings at home in preparation for this test. Spellings will be uploaded onto Spell Shed and children can access games linked to these on the EdShed platform. We will also send a list of all of the spellings units at the start of the school year should your child wish to practice their spellings in a different way. These can also be accessed on our school website on your child's class page.

Maths

Children will receive a Times Tables test in school every Monday. Children can use Timetables Rockstars or any other paper-based method to support them with learning their times tables for that week.

Homework

Children will receive a weekly homework worksheet relating to their learning in class that week. This will be sent out on a Monday and should be brought back into school by the following Monday.

School Home Reading Tracker

Each child will have a reading record from September and within this they will have a 'Rainbow' Home Reading Tracker. Once your child has read 3 times within the week at home (and this is evident within their reading record), please sign and date a section of the rainbow. You must start at the top of the rainbow and complete all of the red section before moving onto orange. Once they have all sections of the colour signed and dated, they will receive a badge to represent the colour of the section completed, i.e. after 6 weeks they can achieve their red badge. Then after another 6 weeks, they can achieve their orange and so on. By the end of the school year, if they have read 3 times per week consistently, they will have earned their purple badge and receive their 'Rainbow Reader Certificate' for the academic year.

Home School Communication

Ringway Primary is paperless and cashless as much as possible. Letters will be sent via the ParentPay email communication facility and/or uploaded onto Class Dojo. It is important that you check these regularly.

Class Dojo will continue to be used as a method of home-school communication and as a reward system within school. We will use this to share what is happening in

class and celebrate successes. Please be aware that the messaging service on Class Dojo is disabled and any messages sent cannot be viewed by staff. Any urgent messages, changes to who is collecting your child or pupil absences must be reported to the school office as normal. Any queries around ParentPay, school dinners and any other payments must also be made to the school office.

As a school, we recognise that parents have WhatsApp groups or Facebook class pages set up and acknowledge these can be very useful for communication between parents. However, we kindly ask that if you have any issues or concerns to please speak to school first as these can usually be dealt with quickly and professionally. Please be mindful of discussing individual members of staff and pupils in a derogatory manner on social media – school will need to take action if we are made aware of this having happened.

We are also seeing an increased number of issues relating to pupil Whatsapp groups and social media accounts which are then being brought into school. In order to help us tackle this problem, could you please monitor your child's activity on such accounts. Please think carefully before allowing children to have certain Apps, these often have age guidelines that should be considered. Please speak to school for further advice if needed.

School House System

Each child is a member of one of our 4 Houses in school. We have Fire (red), Water (blue), Lightning (yellow) and Earth (green) Houses. When a child receives a Dojo point in school, it is added to their House total. Dojo points are totalled weekly and winners are announced in our celebration assembly. At the end of each half term, the House that has achieved the most points within that half term is rewarded with a non-uniform day. We also hold a special House Winner Reward Celebration at the end of the school year for the house who has achieved the most points across the whole year.

Uniform

Children must wear the expected school uniform. If an article of clothing is worn that is not part of the school uniform, a letter or message must be brought into school to explain the reason why. All children must wear suitable plain black school shoes. Children are welcome to bring in a pair of wellies to keep in school to be used when needed. For health and safety, we also advise that long hair is tied back at all times when in school. All items of clothing and footwear MUST be clearly named. School uniform consists of the following:

- White polo shirt
- Purple jumper or cardigan

- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore/shorts
- Purple gingham summer dress
- Black school shoes/plain black school trainers with black soles (no large distinctive logos) Boots can be worn in winter months – these must be plain black, ankle height and with no heel.
- Wellies (optional)

One small watch and a pair of stud earrings (no other jewellery or smart watches permitted). For health and safety reasons, children must be able to remove their own earrings.

PE Uniform

Our PE uniform consists of:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts or jogging pants
- Plain black hoody (optional) or school jumper.
- Black trainers (as plain as possible) or suitable black footwear for outdoor PE sessions - **no football boots.**
- For swimming, children need a one-piece swimming costume (sensible swim shorts for boys), a towel, a swimming hat and a pair of goggles.

Children can come into school in their PE kits on their PE days. Class teachers will inform you which day is your child's PE day at the start of each term.

Forest School

One afternoon each half term, each class will have a Forest School session. On this day, children should bring appropriate footwear, a suitable coat and a possible change of clothes (weather dependent) into school for this session. Please bear in mind that children will take part in this session in all weathers/seasons and therefore likely to get dirty.

Other uniform/equipment expectations

Earrings

Where our uniform policy allows one small pair of stud earrings, we would also like to remind parents that earrings can not be worn for PE lessons. If your child wears earrings for school, these will either need to be removed by the child (or by parents before the school day) or covered using medical tape (this should only be a short

period of time when ears are healing) for PE lessons. Tape will need to be provided and applied by the child - staff are not able to assist the children with this .

As per the Association for PE guidance and Blyth Sports Centre policy, earrings must be fully removed and are not permitted to be covered during gymnastics and swimming sessions (even if ears are still in the healing period). Therefore, due to the 6 weeks healing time needed for pierced ears, we strongly advise that children do not get their ears pierced during the school year as it will have a significant impact on the access to their PE lessons in school.

Mobile Phones

If children need to bring a mobile phone into school, this must be handed into their class teacher who will store them securely in the office. These will then be handed back to the children at the end of the school day. We expect children to turn off their mobile phone as soon as they enter the school site and phones should not be used until they are off the school premises. School can accept no responsibility for any damage to mobile phones being brought into school.

School Bags

Children will have allocated pegs in their class and will enter school through their outside classroom door. Because porches are within the classrooms, our space is limited and therefore school provide each child with their own reusable school bag. Please ensure only essential items are put into these bags. The essential items are: school reading book, reading record and a water bottle. Children do not need to bring in a pencil case. Year 6 pupils will be allowed to bring in a small bag (no bigger than the school issued size).

School Dinners

School dinners will continue to be ordered using ParentPay. School dinners cost £2.30 per day (£11.50 a week). We request that these are ordered a week in advance by the Thursday each week. If you do not select choices for your children by the Thursday, your child will automatically be given the hot option each day.

Water Bottles/Snack

All children should bring a named bottle into school each day (no glass bottles), containing plain water only. As per school policy, this should be plain water only: no juice, flavoured water or fizzy drinks should be provided. It would be helpful if children could come to school with their bottle filled each day.

All children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 will be provided with a fruit/vegetable snack each morning. Children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring their own

fruit/vegetable snack to eat during their morning break. Please note, no other snack is permitted. This will support us in maintaining our Healthy School status.

Breakfast club and after school club

Breakfast Club runs every morning from 8am- 8.45am and is £3 per session.

Afterschool Club runs from 3.15pm-5.30pm each day. 3.15pm-4.30pm on Fridays.

- 3.15pm - 4.30pm - £3.50 per session.
- 3.15pm - 5.30pm - £7.00 per session.

Any sessions for Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club must be booked and paid for at least 48 hours in advance via ParentPay.

Curriculum

Curriculum Coverage - Parents will receive an overview of the curriculum covered in their child's year group, detailing the topics and areas within the curriculum they will cover that year. They will also receive topic overview letters electronically (via Class Dojo) each half term. More details about our school curriculum can be found on the website.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Mrs L. Robson

Headteacher