



September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you have had a happy and safe holiday. A very warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families too, we hope that they all settle quickly into school life and enjoy their time at Appleton Academy.

Below are some reminders regarding expectations at school. We will also continue to send out regular updates about events taking place in school. These are often sent as a text message, so please make sure you let the office know if you change your mobile phone number.

School Times

Please remember that school starts at 8.30am prompt with doors opening at 8.25am. Be mindful that our car park can be busy, so if you are planning on using it to drop off your children, please make sure you allow enough time to do so without your child being late. All our staff start work in classrooms once the doors close so any children arriving late makes the start of day very disruptive. The attendance team and I will be monitoring punctuality and attendance closely and meeting with families where this is a concern.

PE

PE takes place weekly for all children in KS1 and KS2. Please can you make sure your child brings their full PE kit to school each week.

PE kit is:

Navy blue shorts

Navy blue Appleton Academy polo shirt

White socks

White trainers

Navy jogging bottoms for outdoor PE only.

PE days are as follows:

Year 1 Monday

Year 2 Thursday

Year 3 Wednesday

Year 4 Thursday

Year 5 Monday

Year 6 Wednesday

Uniform

All children should be in their school uniform and wearing school shoes. Please see the website if you are unsure of what they should be wearing. Please make sure that any bobbles and bows worn in hair are small. Earrings must be studs for health and safety reasons. All information about uniform is also on our website.



Water

Your child needs to be well hydrated when they are at school, so please make sure they have a full bottle of water with them each day. We have seen an increase in the number of children bringing juice to drink in the classroom which is not permitted.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is now open again from 7.50am to 8.30am each day. Doors for the start of Breakfast club open at 7.50am and close at 8.00am. The cost is £2.00 per session with an additional cost for food items if your child wants to have their breakfast too. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the main office for further information.

Meet The Teacher

We would like to invite you all to a short meeting where you can meet your child's teacher and find out more about the learning that will be taking place during the year.

The meetings will take place in the community room. A text has gone out with the dates for each year group. If you haven't received this, please speak to your child's teacher and then check with the office that we have the correct phone number.

Newsletters

As always you will continue to receive a half termly newsletter sharing information about the learning taking place in the classroom and ideas for home learning. Children in KS1 and KS2 will also bring home weekly homework, which must be completed in addition to reading their reading book with you. If you have any questions regarding this please contact your child's class teacher.

All of the primary team and myself are looking forward to working together with you all over the next year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. L. Clayton".

J Clayton
Head of Primary