



FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Information Handbook Year 1

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Year	Class Name	Teacher
Year 1	Cedar	Mrs Ella Quilter
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	Chestnut	Mrs Katherine Wrangles

Planned events and approximate costs for YEAR 1 during the 2023/24 academic year.

Event	When	<i>Approximate cost</i>
Visit from Safari Stu!	Autumn 1	£3
Hampson Park Nature Trail	Autumn 2	None
Pantomime	Autumn 2	£13
KS1 Christmas Production	Autumn 2	None
Stansted Mountfitchet	Spring 2	£20
Stem Centre	Summer 1	£4
End of year trip	Summer 2	TBC

There may be other local trips throughout the year, which parents will be informed of at the time. These will be free of charge.

Children may also be given the opportunity to come to school in costumes for the WOW days, again, more information will be given nearer the time.

School Uniform

You can purchase uniform with our school Logo from www.smartyschoolwear.co.uk or www.myclothing.com

All children are strongly encouraged to wear school uniform:

- White shirt/polo shirt
 - Grey tailored skirt, dress, trousers or shorts
- 'Summer dress' with blue and white check or stripes
- Navy jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan – school logo optional
 - Plain navy, grey or black tights;
 - Plain white, black or grey socks
- Black shoes, plain black trainers, sandals or boots

PE Kit

Your child should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day

- Shorts – plain navy
- Tops – plain white or navy
- Footwear inside – bare feet
- Footwear outside – trainers that can be fastened
- Winter kit – plain navy sweatshirt and jogging bottoms
- During PE lessons, all children will be asked to remove wrist watches and remove/cover their earrings. All classes will have a roll of tape to cover studs during PE lessons.

Jewellery & Make-Up

- We do not allow any jewellery in school, except for simple watches and one set of small, simple stud earrings.
- Children wearing any earrings other than small, simple studs will be asked to remove them or cover them.
- Children are now allowed to wear make-up to school. Please make every effort to remove any make-up, nail polish or temporary tattoos if your child has been to a party at the weekend.
- Mobile phones or wearable technology (e.g. smart watches) should not be used in school. Any brought in should be handed to the class teacher for safekeeping and collected by the child at the end of the day.

Policies

The following policies and leaflets can be found
on the school website

www.fairlands.herts.sch.uk

Attendance

Homework

Behaviour Management

Anti-Bullying

Anti-Racism

Healthy Lunchbox Ideas

Click on “Our School” in the main heading then
“Policies”. User friendly versions are labelled
“Information for Parents.”

Extended Services

We offer the following onsite facilities:

Booking is essential via the Arbor App

Breakfast Club

7.45am – 8.50am

Dining Hall (Upper Building)

&

After-School Club

3.15pm – 6.15pm

For further information and prices please visit the school website and click on “Community” in the main heading then “Childcare”, or contact the school office.

Free School Meals

There are two different Free School Meal Schemes in school.

Universal Free School Meals

Children in **Reception to Year 2** are all entitled to have a free school meal each day under a Government run scheme called **Universal Free School Meals**.

Free School Meal Status

Parents of any children in **Reception to Year 6** who are claiming one of the benefits listed below, are entitled to register for **Free School Meal Status**.

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

For each child who is registered the school will receive £1,445 Pupil Premium funding, which schools have the freedom to spend in a way they think will best support the raising of attainment for the most vulnerable pupils. For more information, follow the link below to the Hertfordshire County Council website.

If you are eligible for free school meal status, and have not already registered your child/children, please do so and then let the office know, so the we can update our dinner money system.

Apply for Free School Meal Status at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or call 0300 123 4048, providing your National Insurance Number and date of birth. Alternatively, please contact the school office with these details and we can apply for you.

Parent Portal and Arbor App

We use Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App to communicate with our parents and offer an on-line payment system for school trips, breakfast and afterschool clubs.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor and see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

- Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready – you won't be able to log in before.
- Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password.
- Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
- Click 'install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone and open the App
- Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
- Accept the Terms and Conditions and enter your child's birthday

Parent View



A key part of a school's Ofsted inspection are the views expressed by parents. Ofsted no longer sends out paper surveys and relies purely on views expressed through their Parent View Website.

It is, therefore, really important we make sure that ALL parents/carers' views are represented on this website, including the 'silent majority' who are happy, but tend not to speak up!

So, **PLEASE** could you take some time to visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk and response to the questions on the Parent View Website.

You just have to register quickly using an email address, and then there are 12 questions to answer. It takes 5 minutes!

Please make sure that YOUR views are represented - you can go back at any time to update your responses, if your views change.

You can see the latest results for Fairlands Primary School by clicking the link on the school website.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BEING A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

Would you like to help shape the future for the next generation?

Do you have a valuable/professional skill you can offer?

Are you committed to contributing to your local community?

If you answer **YES** to any of the above, **please get in touch**

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We are keen to recruit governors who reflect our diverse community. We welcome anyone who is interested in school governance, but especially those with skills and expertise in **finance, communications, social care and education.**