

Education

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Dear Parent/Carer

First of all I would like to thank you for bringing your child along to the school last Friday for their transition visit. It was so lovely to meet the children who are starting Primary 1 in August, and they all seemed to enjoy visiting their classroom and meeting their teacher, Mr Orr. We cannot wait to welcome them back to start school properly in August.

I wanted to share some details about the start of term, so that everyone knows the plans and is not worrying about anything over the summer.

The new school year starts for the children on **Wednesday 18th August 2021**. On that day, we ask you to bring your child to the infant playground at 9.15am. This is a later start than they will usually have, but it will allow us to get all the other classes into school safely and means we will not be rushing to get Primary 1 into school. At this stage, we do not know if parents and carers will be able to come into school with their child, but there will be opportunities for those 'First Day of School' photos in the playground anyway. On the first day only, we ask that the new Primary 1 children are collected from the playground at 2.45pm. Again, this is earlier than their usual finish time but will allow us to take our time and help the children get used to the new routines. From Thursday 19th August, Primary 1 will start school at 8.55am and finish at 2.55pm. They will always enter and leave school via the infant entrance in the infant playground.

In terms of bringing items to school, it is a good idea to send your child with a filled water bottle and they should bring a small snack for playtime. Primary 1 pupils are all entitled to free school meals so they can order a school lunch when they arrive in the morning. We will share the menu in advance so you can help them to decide what they would like to order each day. Your child may prefer to bring a packed lunch to school. We are a 'nut free' school and ask that you do not give your child any snacks or lunch items that contain nuts. Your child can bring a schoolbag and a pencil case if they wish, although all materials for learning will be provided in school. Please make sure that everything your child brings to school (including clothing) is clearly labelled with their name.

The Thornliebank school uniform is black and yellow. Your child should wear black trousers/leggings/joggers/shorts/skirt, with either a yellow polo shirt or a white shirt and Thornliebank school tie, and a black cardigan or sweatshirt. Thornliebank ties, polo shirts and sweatshirts are available to buy online from Schoolwear Made Easy. Alternatively, you can buy yellow polo shirts in most supermarkets. Once your child starts school, their teacher will let you know which days they will be having PE, and we ask that they come dressed for physical activity on those days – shorts/joggers, a t-shirt and suitable shoes for running around outdoors.

Prior to the start of term, we will be emailing out further information, including the lunch menus. Please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email (details above) if there is anything you would like to discuss about your child starting school at Thornliebank.

Kind regards

Mrs Miller

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