



HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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School Information Handbook (Reception)

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School Uniform

You can purchase uniform with our school Logo
from www.yourschooluniform.com or
www.tesco.com/ues

Girls	Boys
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• white shirt/polo shirt• grey tailored skirt/pinafore/ trousers/ shorts• navy <u>school</u> sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece; OR plain navy sweatshirt or cardigan• plain navy, grey or black tights; or white, black or grey socks• In the summer, a summer dress with blue and white checks or stripes.• black shoes or plain black trainers (no boots or high-tops)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• white shirt/polo shirt• grey tailored trousers or shorts• navy <u>school</u> sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece; OR plain navy sweatshirt or cardigan• plain black, white or grey socks• black shoes or plain black trainers (no boots or high-tops)

PE KIT

- Shorts – plain navy
- Tops – plain white or navy
- Footwear inside – bare feet
- Footwear outside – plimsolls or ankle trainers that can be fastened
- Winter kit – plain sweatshirt and jogging bottoms
- During PE lessons all children will be asked to remove wrist watches and remove/cover their earrings. All classes should have a roll of tape to cover studs during PE lessons.
- Boys – swimming trunks and towel. Bermuda shorts may NOT be worn, as requested by the pool managers.
- Girls – swimming costume (not bikini), towel.
- Children with long hair must tie it back with a hair band or wear a swimming hat.

The school's policy on jewellery and other uniform issues
can be found under Policies on the school website.

Policies

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

www.fairlands.herts.sch.uk

Attendance

Reaching High Targets

Homework

Behaviour Management

The Green Room

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.”

Attendance

Once your child starts full-time in Reception, it becomes legally compulsory for him/her to attend school every day. We will work very closely with you to help you achieve this.

Regular attendance is important, not just because the law requires it, but because it is the best way of ensuring that a child makes the most of the educational opportunities which are available to him or her.

There may be rare occasions when a child has to miss school – for example, if he or she is very unwell. Any other absences should be kept to an absolute minimum. **In particular, parents should never take their child out of school during term-time in order to go on holiday.**

If your child is absent from school, we expect you to inform us of the reason. Please contact the office by phone, text or email by 10.00am on the first day of absence.

If your child has an unavoidable appointment during the school day, please ensure you inform the school office and you will be issued with a permission slip. If the appointment means that your child will be late to school, please also ensure you book their school meal in advance.

Please remember that we do not authorise the taking of holidays during term time.

For further information on attendance, please refer to our Attendance Policy on the school website.

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 **Nursery 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
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit element)
- (Income Related) Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with income below £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit

For each child who is registered the school will receive £1,300 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 this link to the [HertsDirect website](https://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals)

If you are eligible, and have not already registered your child/children, please do so. Children will receive tailored support from a Pupil Premium Champion if you do so.

To apply for Free School Meal Status go to www.hertsdirect.org/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

Extended Services

We offer the following onsite facilities:

Breakfast Club

7.45am – 8.50am

Dining Hall (Upper Building)

&

Treehouse After-School Club

3.15pm – 6.15pm

No more than 2 hours for children under 5

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.



Sara Hassell, our dedicated Family Support Worker, is on hand to assist, support and help guide you and your family through everyday demands and challenges. You can contact Sara in confidence on **07805 523480** or email sarah@familylives.org.uk You can visit the Family Lives website at www.familylives.org.uk

Parent Forum

Twice a term, two of the Deputy Headteachers hold a very informal meeting where parents/carers can discuss new ideas for the school, resolve any problems they might be experiencing, keep up to date with what's going on at Fairlands School and meet other parents.

Electronic Communication

We use an electronic system to communicate with our parents and offer an on-line payment system for school trips and Breakfast Club. **Please ensure you have provided us with an up-to-date email address** so that we can keep you up to date with school activities.

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 that we make sure that ALL parents 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 and visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk to 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 from Fairlands by clicking on the link on the school website.



We have very strong links with our local Children's Centre, which is based in Bridge Road West and is part of the Stevenage North Group of Children's Centres.

Children's Centres can offer:

- Information about good quality early years provision available during hours to suit working parents.
- Support for all children with additional needs and disabilities.
- Parent support including toy libraries, parent and toddler groups and parenting programmes.
- Play sessions and outdoor activities.
- Information about childminding networks and/or childminding groups.
- Local advice and information for parents.
- Effective links with Jobcentre Plus, local training providers, further and higher education providers, to provide access to information, training and career opportunities.
- Child and family health services, including antenatal services and breastfeeding support

For more details about Bridge Road Children's Centre and any of the children's centres in the Stevenage North Group visit www.stevenagenorthchildrencentres.org.uk/bridgeroad

You can contact the **Group Manager, Helen Longstaff** at: enquiries@stevenagenorthcc.org.uk or call 01438 202692

SCHOOL NURSING SERVICE

The School Nursing Service aims to work with children and young people, their parents/carers and school staff to provide a comprehensive, efficient and accessible service.

When your child commences school at the age of five, care is transferred from the health visiting service to the School Nursing Service.

If parents would like to access their school health team for advice, they can contact the local team. Contact details are available via the trust website: www.hertschs.nhs.services/children/schoolnursing

If there are health concerns and support is required, parents can refer to our service using the referral form and criteria also located on the trust website.

All Reception children will be seen for growth, vision and hearing screening. Parents are informed of the results, with further growth monitoring in Year 6.

The service is also commissioned to provide the routine childhood Flu immunisation programme in schools for Years 1, 2 and 3.