



HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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School Information Handbook (Nursery)

Morning Session: 8.30am – 11.30am

Afternoon Session: 12.30pm – 3.30pm

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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)

Nursery Children do not need a PE kit

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

One of the most important aspects of coming to Nursery is getting your child into the routine of attending a setting.

When your child starts Nursery, we will work very closely with you to ensure those routines are set up as smoothly as possible and support you to ensure your child attends every day.

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

Once your child reaches 5 years old and starts full-time school in Reception, it becomes legally compulsory for your child to attend every day, so we aim to start good habits early!

Extended Services

We offer the following onsite facilities:

Breakfast Club

7.45am – 8.50am

Dining Hall (Upper Building)

Nursery Lunch Club

11.20am – 12.30pm

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 **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 £16,1990 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit

For each child who is registered the school will receive £302 Early Years 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 you.



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/Carer 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