

# The Goldsborough Guide



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## **School Uniform**

Please name all items of uniform, including PE kit, so that we can return any lost items to their owner as soon as possible. School uniform is expensive and it helps us to help you if everything has your child's name inside!

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform, including black shoes, each day. We aim to hold 'pre-loved' uniform sales through the year to keep costs down for fast growing children!

## **Read Read Read!**

Education research strongly suggests that children who read regularly achieve better than those who read occasionally or not at all. Setting aside as little as 10 minutes each day for sharing a book with younger pupils or independent reading for older pupils will have a positive impact on their independence, ability to understand written text and, most importantly, their enjoyment of a good book. Please READ READ READ!

## **Drop off and Pick Up**

Staff supervise the playground from 8:45am. Pupils may be dropped off from this time and parents/carers may choose to leave at this time, knowing that pupils are supervised. Pupils in Class 3 and 4 wishing to walk home will only be released at the end of the day if we have written consent from a parent/carer in advance. If your child is due to be picked up by a new adult, please let school know in advance. Pupils will not be released to any adult other than those authorised to pick up.

## **Trips and Visits**

The vast majority of communication relating to trips and visits will be sent via ParentMail. You are able to provide electronic consent for your child to attend in this way. Please note that we are unable to take a child out on a trip without express consent from a parent/carer.

We aim to plan one trip/visit or visitor into school per term for each class to enrich and enhance classroom learning.

## **Financial Contributions**

To enable school to run trips and visits, including swimming lessons, we ask for voluntary contributions from parents/carers. This contribution is calculated based on cost incurred. Without such contributions, we may be unable to run trips due to the cost of admission and transport. There are certain items/activities that we do charge for- school meals, residential visits and after school clubs are the most common. Further detail can be found in our Charging Policy.

## **Healthy Playtime Snacks**

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with free fruit as part of the government's Free KS1 Fruit Scheme. Older pupils are encouraged to bring a healthy snack for morning playtime. Snacks high in fat, salt or sugar such as chocolate bars or crisps are not permitted. Nuts and nut based products are also not permitted as there are pupils in school with severe allergies.

## **Attendance**

Regular attendance is very important to enable pupils to make good progress and feel fully included in all aspects of school life. If your child is ill, please call the school office before 9:15am. We aim to achieve 97% attendance this academic year. Please remember that just one 5 day holiday in term time and no further absence in the school year reduces your child's attendance figure to 97%!

## **Family Holiday During Term Time**

In line with national regulations, we are not able to authorise family holiday during term time. If a child is absent for 10 sessions (5 school days) or more, we are required to submit a notification to the Local Authority who may issue a fine. All such absence is recorded as unauthorised in the school register. There are some exceptional circumstances for which absence may be authorised, e.g. music exams, involvement in agricultural shows, etc.



### **Communication**

Good, regular communication is vital between home and school to ensure that families are able to support their child's school life effectively. We communicate key information, dates and updates via a weekly newsletter, send texts to your mobile and use ParentMail for letters informing you of events such as trips. If you have any questions or concerns to raise, please catch your child's teacher at the end of the day. Please avoid the start of the day so that the day's learning can begin on time.

### **Federation- where is my child's Headteacher?**

Mr Shillito, whilst leading two schools, is Headteacher at this school full-time. To this end, he will endeavour to be available to speak to you if required on any day of the week, including days where he is based at the other school. If you have any questions, please call either school, speak to him on the playground before/after the school day or liaise with the school office to arrange an appointment.

### **Website and Twitter Account**

Our school website provides a wealth of information about the school. Please take a few minutes to browse at [www.goldsboroughprimary.co.uk](http://www.goldsboroughprimary.co.uk)

Our Twitter account, which only school approved Twitter users are able to follow, provides periodic updates of what is happening in school. Parents find it particularly useful on school trips and residential! Our username is @GoldsboroughCE

### **Medicines in School**

School staff are only permitted to administer prescribed medicines in school. If your child needs a dose of a medicine prescribed by the doctor during the day, we ask that the medicine is brought to the school office and a medicine form completed. For longer term medical needs (e.g. asthma), a long term medical needs form should be completed, again available via the office, detailing dosage, when to administer and any other relevant information that will enable us to care for your child well.

### **Planners**

All children should bring their planner to school every day. Classroom staff check every child's planner every day and will write any important messages or reminders in there as and when appropriate. We ask parents/carers to record home reading and homework activities in the planner so that we are able to track children's involvement in home learning on a weekly basis.

### **Homework**

Our Homework Policy states that home learning should support, enhance and extend learning that takes place in school. Our homework is focused and straightforward to parents to support and centres around reading, Mathematics activities and spelling practice. We ask that homework is completed on time each week and is noted in your child's planner. Your child's teachers check homework in each week on set days as part of their routines and organisation of the classroom.

### **School Meals**

School meals are cooked fresh each day and delivered just before our lunch hour begins at 12pm. Our lunchtime staff ably support children at lunchtime and celebrate their trying of new foods and achieving a clean plate! Buying a school meal for your child supports the school to meet the rising cost of providing hot meals. Please consider choosing school meals for your child! School meals are currently free for all Reception, Y1 and Y2 children.

### **Packed Lunches**

If you choose to prepare a packed lunch for your child rather than choose school meals, we ask that it is a healthy and balanced meal to reflect standard expected of school meals. To this end, the following items are not permitted as part of a packed lunch:

- Chocolate bars
- Sweets
- Fizzy drinks
- Large bags/portions of 'full fat' crisps.



### **After School Clubs**

We are proud of the wide range of clubs that we offer for such a small school. Clubs are allocated on a first come, first served basis and parents are notified of the time that the list is released. We ask that children commit to a full half term of a club that they have chosen. Where payment is required for a club, we are not able to enrol a child until payment is received via ParentPay.

### **Prompt Start to the Day**

School starts at 8:55am with registration after which learning begins. Arriving at school on time is very important as learning can be missed and children can feel unsettled when arriving to their classroom late. Children can be left with a supervising member of staff on the playground from 8:45am.

### **Year 6 Buddies**

As part of their responsibilities as the eldest in school, our Y6 pupils take on the role of 'buddy' to younger pupils and to new starters. Buddies bring their children into school and are on hand to help them through the day should they need it. Past experience shows that the buddy friendship becomes very strong and is often rekindled much later in high school!

### **Friends of Goldsborough School (FROGS)**

The work of our school is ably supported by the Parent, Teacher Association, FROGS. Help from all parents is most welcome and this helps enable FROGS to run events that enhance our pupils' learning experience in school through the money raised. This year, we are hoping to develop our outdoor space and install new interactive screens in each classroom so every penny raised will go to a great cause!

### **Independence**

As part of our commitment to developing well rounded citizens of the future, we actively encourage independence in all that our children do in school. This encouragement is supported by an absolute commitment to creating a caring, 'family' environment in school. We firmly believe that encouragement of independence in all areas of school life will enable all of our pupils to confidently tackle new challenges as they move through school.

### **Parking in the Village**

As a village school within a close community, it is vitally important that we maintain a positive relationship with the village's residents. We ask that parking is considerate, does not encroach on driveways and that you avoid parking directly opposite an entrance to the school for reasons of pupil safety. Parking on East View Court is not permitted at any time. The cricket club car park and Main Street around the corner from school may be used when additional parking is required.

### **Physical Education Lessons (PE)**

Schools are required to provide two sessions of physical activity per week as part of their curriculum offer. This term's PE timetable is as follows:

**Class 1-**

**Class 2-**

**Class 3-** Swimming (Wed a.m.) and

**Class 4-** Swimming (Wed a.m.) and

### **Water Bottles- Keeping Hydrated!**

Pupils in all classes have access to fresh, filtered drinking water all through the day. Please ensure that s/he has a water bottle (named) so that s/he can drink plenty of water. Research shows that children who are well hydrated are more able to concentrate and therefore make better progress!