

# Welcome to Year 1



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Welcome to Year One! This handout will provide you with some information about expectations and routines. If you have any further questions, you know where we are 😊

## **Expectations**

-Our behaviour policy echoes our five core values (respect, resilience, relationships, reverence and responsibility) with a heavy emphasis on respectful behaviour.

-We have lots of opportunities for rewards with dojo points (house points), stickers, certificates etc.

## **Belongings**

-In Year One we support the children to become gradually more independent. Just like in Reception, it is the children's responsibility to look after their own belongings. In order to help them do this, we would appreciate it if everything is named.

## **Curriculum**

-You will receive a letter telling you all about the topic at the beginning of each half term. The first one is coming home on Thursday (communications day). The topic for this term is 'Marvellous Me'.

## **Assessment**

-We don't use Tapestry in Year One however the children are still continually assessed. At three checkpoints in the year (Nov, March and June) we assess the children, with the third checkpoint being NFER tests (special booklets) that we use to support our ongoing, regular teacher assessments.

-The phonics screening test is in June. This is a very relaxed 'quiz', in a format that the children will be very used to by that time.

## **Reading and Homework**

-The children in Year One have a reading record and a homework book. Homework goes out on a Thursday and needs to be returned on the following Tuesday. We will alternate between maths and English based homework.

-The children will change their books on a Tuesday and a Thursday.

-If you have any problems with reading books or homework, please let us know.

### **Parent Hub and the Parents Evening System**

-Letters (such as the weekly newsletter) come out via Parent Hub app but paper copies of all letters are available from the office.

-Parents evening, clubs and tickets for our performances can all be booked using the Parents Evening System. The office can support you with any issues with either of these systems.

<https://heckingtonstrewscofe.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

### **Willoughby Foods**

-You can order hot lunches online on Tuesdays for the following week or can book many weeks in advance.

### **Snacks/water**

-Children in Key Stage One receive free fruit/veg for a morning snack. Unfortunately we have no control over what variety of fruit or vegetables come to school and so if your child doesn't like the snacks on offer, you can send in a snack for them to have as long as it is a piece of fruit/veg.

-Children can access their water bottles at all times during the day, apart from during the lesson input. If your child needs a water bottle, they can be purchased from the office. We would appreciate it if water bottles weren't screw tops as we have fewer spillages with 'sports cap' bottles and the bottles with flick up straws. Children can only drink water in the classroom however they are welcome to bring juice to drink at lunchtime.

### **P.E.**

-We have P.E. on a Monday (indoor) and a Wednesday (outdoor, weather permitting). We would appreciate it if all items in the P.E. kit were named.

-Children are not allowed to wear large hair accessories to school or jewellery, apart from one pair of stud earrings. The children must be able to take these out on their own for P.E. lessons.

### **Routines**

-At the beginning of the school day, the first bell signals the children to come to line up and say goodbye. You are welcome to stand at the back of the playground to wave them off 😊. On the second bell, the class goes into school.

-If you have a quick message, you can catch us on the playground in the morning before the bell goes. Otherwise, please make an appointment at the office for a longer chat. Mrs Lakins is available on Thursday evenings after school.

If you want to know more about anything mentioned above, all our policies (behaviour, uniform etc.) can be found on our website, or feel free to come into the office for a hard copy.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Year One Team