

# Key Information - Moving up to Year 3

## What are our school times?

Morning session: 8.50am—12.15pm

Lunch break: 12.15 —1.15pm

Afternoon session: 1.15pm—3.15pm

## Arrivals and departures

Children should not arrive before 8.40am (unless they are attending a club). Our gates will be opened at 8.40am when members of staff will be on duty in the playground. Doors open at 8.45am to enable children to enter ready for an 8.50am start. Please ensure that your child arrives on time.

Children who arrive after 8.50am need to enter through the school office and must be signed in by an adult.

Yr3 children may enter their classroom through the Y3 playground doors, via the main playground, at 8.45am ready to be met by their class teacher.

We ask that children do not use the play equipment in the playground before or after school. The use of mobile phones is not permitted on the school premises.

## Collection

Year 3 children will be dismissed by their teacher at 3.15pm, through the Y3 playground doors, into the main playground.

If a parent or carer is going to be late collecting their child we ask that they ring the school to let us know and then collect from the school office. Please do not use the staff car park to park or drop off children. Please note that no dogs are allowed on the premises, with the exception of assistance dogs.

## Parking

Please be considerate of your child and other people's well-being when parking, dropping off or collecting from school. Parking on the pavement and the zigzag lines outside the school entrance can cause an obstruction and may put your child's safety at risk. No cars should drive onto the school site during drop off/pick up.

## Wraparound Clubs

The school does not run a breakfast club or after school club. However, you may wish to contact 'Stoke Poges Afterschool Care' which runs in the village.

[www.stokepogesvillage.com](http://www.stokepogesvillage.com)

## Uniform

Uniform is helpful in establishing good standards of appearance in school and by wearing it children quickly feel part of the school community. We ask that **all** clothing has your child's name in it to ensure that any items that are mislaid can be returned.

### Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6)

- Purple Stoke Poges sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- White shirt
- School tie
- Grey trousers or shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Purple checked dresses may be worn during the summer months with whitesocks
- White/grey socks or grey tights
- Sensible black school shoes must be worn, not trainers
- Rucksack with school logo (optional)
- PE bag with school logo

### PE Kit (worn on PE days)

- Purple PE polo shirt with school logo
- Black shorts
- Dark coloured tracksuits are a sensible option during colder weather
- Trainers

### Where to buy uniform

Uniform with the school logo on can be purchased from Different Class Bourne End, or online at:

[www.differentclassschoolwear.co.uk/collection/the-stoke-poges-school](http://www.differentclassschoolwear.co.uk/collection/the-stoke-poges-school)

Ties and swimming hats can be purchased from the school office.

## Food in school

Our school meals are provided by Dolce. They are a family based business who ensure that each school lunch has a fresh homemade taste and great nutrition.

If you would like your child to have school meals, you will need a SchoolGrid account, which can be set up by the school office. From Year 3 upwards families are currently charged £2.50 per day when they purchase a meal. Information on how to order and pay for your meals can be found on the school website. If a child is absent and will not be in during the day, please ensure that you cancel their meal before 9.00am.

### Free school meals

Some children whose families meet the criteria may be entitled to free school meals. If you think your child may be eligible, please ask at the office for details on how to apply. All applications are treated confidentially.

### Packed lunches

Children can bring in a packed lunch or go home at lunchtime. Packed lunches should be healthy and nutritionally balanced and in an unbreakable container that is clearly labelled with your child's name and class. A healthy snack may be provided for morning break. Snacks and lunches should not include chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks. Please be aware we are a nut-free school.

## KS2 Recommended Stationery List

- Small pencil case
- Pencils
- Purple pen—for editing work
- 15cm ruler
- 30cm ruler
- Glue stick – more than one is helpful
- Eraser
- Pack of colouring pencils
- 2 x A4 zip lock plastic folders
- Yellow highlighter
- Sharpener

# Frequently Asked Questions

Here are our answers to what we find are the most frequently asked questions. If you have any questions that are not answered here, please contact the school and we will be happy to help.

## What should I do if my child is absent?

We aim for total attendance to exceed 96% and hope parents will do their best to ensure that their children come to school every day and arrive on time. We ask that parents report any absence and the reason for it by 9am on the first day, using the school App or by telephone and on any subsequent days of absence. If a child does not arrive for morning registration and the parent/carer has not informed the school by 9am, we will contact you to establish the reason for absence.

Please provide a letter or email confirming the reason for your child's absence on the first day they return to school.

## What happens if I want to take a holiday?

Children are not allowed to take holiday during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. School holiday dates will be sent to you regularly and are always available from the school office. We ask you to keep to these dates when booking holidays.

Planned absence must be requested one month in advance, in writing using an absence form.

## What jewellery can my child wear?

Children are allowed to wear a watch and, if they have their ears pierced, small plain studs. These must be removed for PE. No other jewellery should be worn in school.

Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back. Hair ribbons/bands should be plain, discreet and in school colours.

## What clubs and activities are available?

There are a wide variety of lunchtime and afterschool clubs that the children can enjoy. Some are run by staff and others by external providers who may charge.

The list of clubs available will be published each term and are offered on a first come,

## Do you have a charging policy?

We recognise that a wide range of additional activities, including day visits can make a valuable contribution towards pupils' personal and social education. If any parent does not wish to contribute towards the cost of an activity their child will not be discriminated against. However, if we receive insufficient contributions it may not be possible for the visit or event to take place.

## What do I do if I have a concern?

If you or your child ever experience problems at our school, then please contact the Class Teacher as soon as possible or speak to the Headteacher. Most concerns will normally be resolved informally. However, in the event that a parent may still feel dissatisfied, the Headteacher will be able to provide parents with a copy of the school's formal complaints procedure.

## Special Educational Needs

We are committed to a broad and balanced curriculum for all our pupils. Our Special Needs Coordinator ensures that the school provides the best support possible for children identified as having special needs. We discuss any support plans with parents and provide regular feedback on progress. External agencies may need to be consulted on some occasions.

## How accessible is the school environment?

Adaptations have been made to the school environment to ensure it is fully accessible for anyone with a disability.

## Most Able Children

Children who are identified as being able or talented by their Class Teacher are monitored closely and provided with stimulating and enriching lessons in order for them to develop to their maximum potential.

## Emergency arrangements

We will always endeavour to open the school, but in cases of severe bad weather that may affect access for our essential services, closure may be unavoidable. During severe weather, we will advise you via email and will move to remote learning. Details will also be available on the local radio, the school website and the school closure section of the Buckinghamshire County Council website.

## Health and Welfare

It is essential for the school to know of any relevant medical facts relating to your child, e.g. allergies, asthma, eczema, diabetes or epilepsy. Please keep the school regularly updated.

## Inhalers

Children who use their inhaler frequently in school carry their own inhaler with them at all times.

It is the responsibility of the child and parent to ensure that the inhaler is replaced when necessary.

## Illness, accidents and first aid

Parents are contacted when children are unwell or have been involved in an accident, especially if they have bumped their head. Teaching and support staff have received first aid training in line with policy guidelines.

Children must always remain absent from school for a full 48 hours after any illness that includes vomiting and/or diarrhoea.

## Medical appointments

Please try to book any routine medical/dental appointments outside of school hours. For hospital appointments, please provide the school office with a copy of the

<b>Monday 5th September</b>	INSET day—school closed
<b>Tuesday 6th September</b>	Children return to school
<b>Friday 21st October</b>	Children break for half term
<b>Tuesday 1st November</b>	Children return to school
<b>Tuesday 20th December</b>	Children break for Christmas
<b>Wednesday 4th January</b>	INSET day—school closed
<b>Thursday 5th January</b>	Children return to school
<b>Friday 10th February</b>	Children break for half term
<b>Monday 20th February</b>	Children return to school
<b>Friday 31st March</b>	Children break for Easter
<b>Monday 17th April</b>	INSET day—school closed
<b>Tuesday 18th April</b>	Children return to school
<b>Friday 26th May</b>	Children break for half term
<b>Monday 5th May</b>	INSET day—school closed
<b>Tuesday 6th June</b>	Children return to school
<b>Friday 21st July</b>	Children finish for summer holiday

# Recommended Reading for Year 3

The following book list contains titles to appeal to children age 7-8 in Year 3. This list consists of a range of titles suitable for all ability ranges within this group.

Title	Author	Title	Author
The Abominables	Eva Ibbotson	Who's in the Loo?	Jeanne Willis
Ice Palace	Robert Swindells	Dog in the Dungeon	Lucy Daniels
Voices in the Park	Anthony Browne	Willa and Old Miss Annie	Berlie Doherty
The World According to Humphrey	Betty G. Birney	My Naughty Little Sister	Dorothy Edwards
Kid Normal	Greg James	The Diary of a Killer Cat	Anne Fine
Harry the poisonous centipede	Lynne Reid Banks	Picasso Perkins	Adele Geras
Dilly the Dinosaur	Tony Bradman	The Reluctant Dragon	Kenneth Grahame
The Invisible Boy	Trudy Ludwig	The Charlie Moon Collection	Shirley Hughes
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown	Lullabyhullabaloo	Mick Inkpen
The Secret World of Polly Flint	Helen Cresswell	All Because of Jackson	Dick King-Smith
Fantastic Mr Fox	Roald Dahl	The Orchard Book of First Greek Myths	Saviour Pirotta
Wilf the Mighty Worrier Saves the World	Georgia Pritchett	Winnie-the-Pooh Collection	A.A. Milne
The Magic Finger	Roald Dahl	Mrs Cackle's Cat	Philippa Pearce
It was a Dark and Stormy Night	Janet Ahlberg	Mrs Pepperpot Stories	Alf Proysen
The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark	Jill Tomlinson	Unusual Day	Sandi Toksvig
The Cat in the Hat	Dr. Seuss	Pippi Longstocking	Astrid Lindgren
The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein	The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs	Jon Scieszka
Where The Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak	The Railway Cat	Phyllis Arkle

# Useful Websites Key Stage 2

Here is a list of some of the top educational websites available for primary school children. Why not

Website	Summary
<b>BBC Bitesize</b>	<p><a href="http://www.bbc.com/education">www.bbc.com/education</a> covers all areas of the curriculum, ranging from primary school level up to GCSE exams.</p> <p>It's free to use and includes animations, revision flashcards and interactive sections to help your kids learn.</p>
<b>Primary Games Arena</b>	<p><a href="http://www.PrimaryGamesArena.com">www.Primary Games Arena.com</a> has a large resource of Primary School games that cover the full national curriculum game coverage. It's free to use and is suitable for children from FS to Year 6.</p>
<b>Funbrain</b>	<p><a href="http://www.funbrain.com">www.funbrain.com</a> is an American website aimed at children aged three to 13 years old.</p> <p>It offers interactive games in numeracy, literacy, science and social studies. It's free to use and also has online books and comics. A bright, colourful and fun site for children</p>
<b>Top Marks</b>	<p><a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk">www.topmarks.co.uk</a> is a free, interactive, educational website which gives children the opportunity to learn online, through safe, fun and engaging games and activities.</p>
<b>Jump Start</b>	<p><a href="http://www.jumpstart.com">www.jumpstart.com</a> is an American website for children aged three to 13 years old.</p> <p>It has an interactive virtual world that has a whole heap of fun games in maths, science, English, reading and more. There are hundreds of learning activities, worksheets and crafts. Kids will enjoy this adventure-based learning game.</p>
<b>Oxford Owl</b>	<p><a href="http://www.OxfordOwl.co.uk">www.Oxford Owl.co.uk</a> is aimed at children aged three to 11 years old and is free to use.</p> <p>It helps children learn reading and maths, and there are also top tips for parents to help your child with their learning. There are also over 250 free ebooks.</p>
<b>National Geographic Kids</b>	<p><a href="http://www.natgeokids.com">www.natgeokids.com</a> is great for children aged six to 13 years old.</p> <p>It has some stunning images and interactive games and colouring books. A lovely site for children to learn more about animals, wildlife and the world around them.</p> <p>It's free to use, but you can also subscribe to the monthly magazine and the interactive app for £45 a year.</p>
<b>Shaun's Game Academy</b>	<p><a href="http://www.shaunsgameacademy.co.uk">www.shaunsgameacademy.co.uk</a> is aimed at primary school children and above.</p> <p>Based on Aardman Animations Shaun the Sheep character, it lets children design their own game, learn how to code and even win prizes.</p>
<b>Education City</b>	<p><a href="http://ec1.educationcity.com">ec1.educationcity.com</a> is aimed at children aged from three to 12 years old. It has interactive games to teach children about maths, reading, science and languages.</p> <p>There's also a community where your kids can safely interact with the gang of colourful characters.</p> <p>The website offers a free 10-day trial. After that, a 12-month subscription costs £29.95</p>