

EWANRIGG JUNIOR SCHOOL

Parent Support Pack

Frequently Asked Questions



***BIG HINT – CHECK YOUR CHILD’S BAG EVERY NIGHT FOR LETTERS ETC.,
BUT ESPECIALLY ON FRIDAYS WHEN MONEY AND HOMEWORK IS GIVEN OUT!***

1. PE KITS AND SWIMMING KITS

- School issue PE Kits **MUST** be kept in school, in your child's locker **all week, every week** Monday to Friday without fail to make sure every child can benefit from any extra physical activity we offer. Ensure your child has suitable flat and safe footwear in school for PE every day.
- School provides your child's first PE kit as a welcome present. You then need to renew when necessary - cost £8.25 for shorts and top.
- Y5/Y6 go swimming on Wednesdays September to December and Y3/Y4 go January to April. Each child needs a suitable swimming costume and a towel **EVERY** Wednesday.

2. DINNER MONEY

- School meals **ARE NOT FREE AT KEY STAGE 2**. If you think you are entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office and we will help you with your application.
- Dinner money currently stands at £10.90 per week - £2.18 per day and **MUST** be paid on Monday. Your child hands his/her dinner money in to the class teacher. Any change is given back out to your child on **FRIDAY** to take home. Please note that no money is kept in school overnight.
- Please make sure that your child's dinner money is in an envelope with your child/ren's first and second name on and the amount you have put in the envelope. Like this:-

JOE BLOGGS
CLASS 2 £10.90

- The easiest way is to get some of our dinner money pockets from the office at a contribution of £1 per 20.
- Should you wish to remove your child/ren from purchasing school meals we need this put in writing to the office. Children can only be removed from school dinners at the start of any half term, after a holiday, so notification must come to the office **BEFORE** the holiday.

3. HOMEWORK

- Government requires that we send out the following homework to children at Key Stage 2 - spellings, timetables, reading book, a piece of English and a piece of maths **EVERY WEEK**.
- Homework is given out on **FRIDAYS** and must be completed and handed in the following **FRIDAY**.
- Your child can go to Homework Club on Wednesday lunch time if they choose to do their homework then but be aware' If homework is not completed or handed by **FRIDAY** , your child/ren will complete the required homework in Homework Catch Up Club with Mrs Chilton on Friday afternoon during Golden Time. Good training for secondary school.

4. ATTENDANCE AND BEING OFF (ABSENCE)

If your child is off school you **MUST** ring us by 9.00 to let us know so that we know your child is safe.

Raising attainment through promoting good attendance

95-100% attendance	Best chance of success	Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity
90-95% attendance	At least two weeks of learning missed	Satisfactory, your child may have to spend some time catching up with work
85-90% attendance	At least 4 weeks of learning missed	Your child may be at risk of underachieving and will need extra support from you to catch up with work
80-85% attendance	At least 5 and half weeks of learning lost.	Your child's poor attendance has a significant impact on their learning.
Below 80% attendance	At least 7 and half weeks of learning missed	Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education. You are at risk of prosecution.

5. SNACK

Children are welcome to bring a **HEALTHY** snack and/or a **HEALTHY** drink in for playtime.

BIG NO NO!

NO GLASS BOTTLES
NO CANS
NO SPORTS DRINKS
NO ENERGY DRINKS
NO FIZZY DRINKS
NO CRISPS
NO CHOCOLATE BISCUITS
NO CHOCOLATE
NO CAKES
NO SWEETS

BIG YES YES!

FRUIT - BANANA/APPLE/BERRIES/GRAPES
FLAPJACK OR OTHER OAT BAR
DRIED FRUITS - RAISINS ETC.
RICE CAKES/CORN SNACKS
CRACKERS AND CHEESE
BREAD STICKS
BABYBEL CHEESE
FRUIT OR CEREAL BAR
WATER
MILK

6. HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Due to government legislation I can no longer authorise holidays in term time. I can only authorise EXCEPTIONAL circumstances, such as weddings etc.

7. UNIFORM

Children are expected to wear uniform **EVERY** day unless told otherwise. Parents will be notified if it is a "Non Uniform Day" by text.

Uniform consists of black/grey trousers or skirt or $\frac{3}{4}$ shorts and a white polo shirt, with a red cardigan or sweatshirt or fleece. All are available on order with payment from the school office.

8. HOW DO I KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN SCHOOL?

As long as you have given us an up to date mobile phone number your will receive school texts on our Teachers2Parents texting service; you can follow us on our Facebook Page which is called The Official Ewanrigg Junior School Facebook Page; you can visit our website at <http://www.ewanrigg.cumbria.sch.uk/> or you can download a calendar app to your phone. It is called "Ourschoolsapp." You can even read newsletters and letters that we send home and we endeavour to make sure a copy of letters and newsletters are on the website within 48 hours. My advice - train your children to take the messages home - they always remember ones that are important to them so they can remember others too. More good training for secondary school and for life!