



Welcome to Elm Class!

This parent guide is intended to act as an introduction to your child's new class and a quick point of reference. We hope you will find it helpful. For further details, please refer to the school website or speak directly to the class teacher.

Elm class teacher will be Mrs Williams. She will be supported by Miss Kahn.

	
Mrs Williams	Miss Kahn

Reading

At whatever age, this is the greatest support you can give to your child. For children in Elm class, we ask that you:



- * Read as often as you can (5 minutes every day).
- * Comment on your child's reading in their reading record.
- * Encourage your child to read regularly (to themselves and/or an adult).
- * Read aloud to develop expression and fluency.
- * Discuss the text and any unfamiliar vocabulary that they come across. Also, ask questions about what they have read.
- * Read to your child to model good reading, making sure you expose them to a range of texts

Phonics

In Elm class, we continue to follow the RWI phonics scheme they started in FS2. Children will continue to receive phonics homework and bring home reading books. We encourage the children to correctly spell the tricky words they are learning in their written work.

Y1 Phonics Screen

Year 1 children will take part in the Y1 Phonics screen will take place week commencing 9th June 2025. More information will be given closer to this time.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday to learning that has taken place in class. Please support your child in completing these activities. All homework will be due back by the following Wednesday.

Daily Routine

School begins at 8.45am when the whistle is blown. At this point, the children line up on the playground as they do at the end of playtime and lunch. A member of staff collects each class from the playground and leads them to their classroom ready to begin their learning.

If your child arrives after 8.55am, please go to the office to let them know that your child has arrived and sign them into school.

At the end of the day, all children in Elm class must be collected by a named adult. Please contact Mrs Williams via Class Dojo to confirm who will be collecting your child. Please phone the school office if this changes on the day of collection.

PPA Time

All teachers have a statutory entitlement to 10% non-contact time to enable them to plan lessons, mark and assess children's work. We are fortunate in having a team of experienced HLTAs who know the children and the curriculum very well. They are responsible for covering classes when colleagues have PPA time. Planning for these lessons is carried out in consultation with the class teacher.

PPA time for Elm class will on a Thursday afternoon and will be covered by Mrs Whitehead. This is subject to change during the year.

P.E. Kit



Children in Elm class require a P.E. kit. This should consist of a white t-shirt and black shorts. For outdoor games, children require warm clothing (e.g. a tracksuit) and a change of suitable outdoor footwear.

In Elm class, P.E. is on a Monday and Tuesday but please have P.E kit in school all week as this is subject to change.

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery (this includes earrings) in P.E. lessons. If they wear earrings, they must be able to remove their own. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back during the lesson.

Uniform

Uniform can be purchased from Pinders Schoolwear at Mansfield Rd, Aston, Sheffield S26 2BS. A small group of volunteers also co-ordinate a second-hand uniform bank with good quality uniform: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556942916206>

Uniform consist of:

- Red Polo shirt
- Navy or black tailored trousers/tailored shorts/skirts
- Navy blue sweatshirt (no hoods) or plain knit blue cardigan
- Black sensible shoes (no logo trainers, casual shoes or fashion boots)
- Plain coloured socks
- Plain blue or red simple hair bands or clips (no large/coloured bows)
- Summer Term – navy or red gingham checked dress, navy or red cardigan, navy or black tailored shorts, red polo shirt. No open toed sandals, flip flops or Crocs.
- Please ensure that all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name.

Water

Children require a clear water bottle with their name written on it. Water bottles can be filled when the children enter the classroom in the morning and throughout the day. Children have access to their water bottles all day.

Snacks

Children in Elm class receive free fruit/veg every day for their morning snack.



Contact Details

We would be most grateful if you could ensure that emergency contact details are kept up to date. If your contact details change, please call the office and staff will update our records.

Please inform the office of any recent medical conditions that your child may have so that we can update care plans and inform all relevant staff.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child into Elm class. If you have any further questions or enquiries, please don't hesitate to speak to the class teacher or the office.

Mrs Williams and Miss Kahn