

Finchingfield St John the  
Baptist C of E Primary  
Academy

Class 1

HANDBOOK FOR  
PARENTS/CARERS

2022-2023

Welcome to class 1.

## **Learning Powers**

We teach all of the children to be good learners and to build their learning powers.

Good Learners **have;**

**they;**

**P**ersevere

are **O**pen minded

are **W**illing to take risks

are **E**nthusiastic

are **R**eflective

**S**hare what they learn

## **Uniform**

The school uniform comprises of

- A white shirt or polo shirt,
- An optional house tie (in house colours)
- A grey sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey pinafore/skirt/trousers/shorts and checked summer dress. Skirts should be pleated or A-line and of knee length.
- Black shoes.

\*shirts should be tucked in to and from school and whilst at school. The school uniform should be worn with pride.

Nail polish, jewellery, make up and mobile telephones are not permitted. Smart watches should not be worn at school.

**For your child's safety, NO jewellery should be worn (other than stud earrings which MUST BE REMOVED FOR PE) and long hair securely tied up.**

For PE, pupils require

- A T-shirt (in house colours)
- Plain black shorts
- Black trainers/plimsolls.

These should be kept in a bag on your child's peg at all times.

During the winter months, pupils may wear a black tracksuit for PE.

All items of uniform and PE kit **MUST** be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Stud earrings and a watch are the only jewellery permitted (except SOS identification)

It is a child's responsibility to remove and look after their own valuables.

**Essex Health and Safety rules require that all jewellery to be removed for PE learning. It does not allow for taping of earrings any longer and any worn must be removed by the pupil. If your child cannot remove earrings themselves then please do so for them before they come to school on PE days.**

Football shirts and other kit are not permitted.

If you would like School uniform with our logo on you can be ordered through the School Trends website; [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk)

### **Art Apron**

You are not required to provide an apron.

### **Water bottles**

Every child requires a clear plastic water bottle.

Only clear plastic water bottles containing water are permitted.

### **Expectations**

Your child will be challenged by an adult if they do not conform to the standards above. **Please do not put your child in a compromising position.**

### **Teacher Communication**

I am available after school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays only, at any other time please email/telephone the office and I will get back to you ASAP or please feel free to catch me at drop off or collection.

### **Clubs**

A range of after school clubs will be available throughout the school year. You will be informed of these as and when they become available.

### **Reading**

Children will read daily in a variety of contexts. Children will regularly choose a reading book to take home with support from a class adult.

Each class base has their own set of reading books, as well as the opportunity to use the school Library. On some occasions, your child might bring home a reading book from outside of their usual reading level. Children will be encouraged to read a book more than once, whilst they build up a range of skills including fluency, comprehension skills and expression.

### **Homework**

Children are expected to undertake a phonics or reading activity daily as homework. These should not last longer than 15 minutes.

## **Routines**

Children will participate in P.E. activities weekly. PE kit must be worn for these sessions, long hair tied back and jewellery removed before school. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times.

## **Healthy Schools**

As a healthy school, we are provided with a healthy snack from the Local Authority for children in Class 1 and 2. Children therefore should not bring their own snack.

## **Learning**

### **Autumn First Half Term**

#### **Theme: Superheroes**

A topic learning all about ourselves, our families and people who help us. Children will explore similarities and differences between themselves and others. They will talk about their families and events within them.

### **Autumn Second Half Term**

#### **Theme: Let's celebrate.**

This topic explores different celebratory events in our own community and the wider world and the different ways we celebrate.

### **Spring First Half Term**

#### **Theme: Toy story.**

An exciting topic where through the characters we will explore space, farming, dinosaurs and cowboys.

### **Spring Second Half Term**

#### **Theme: Spring has sprung**

A topic that explores the signs of spring and the life cycles of humans, other animals and plants.

### **Summer First Half Term**

#### **Theme: Tinga Tinga**

An exciting topic about animals big and small. Children will investigate and learn about animals across the globe.

### **Summer Second Half Term**

#### **Theme: Into the blue**

Children will explore the depths of the sea, rivers and lakes and hunt for mermaids and pirate treasure.