



# FILTON AVENUE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

# WELCOME

## ENJOYING THE JOURNEY

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FILTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL LOCKLEAZE ROAD BRISTOL BS7 9RP

# TOGETHER ON A JOURNEY TOWARDS SUCCESS

## WELCOME

We are looking forward to you starting school in September 2015 at the newly formed Filton Avenue Primary School. We have put this pack together to give you the information that you need to get ready for starting school.

This is a really exciting time for the school as we are opening for the first time as Filton Avenue Primary School, formed from the merger of Filton Avenue Infant and Junior schools to become one new school. We have two sites, Lockleaze Road and Orchard Campus and on each site we are able to provide our pupils with the benefit of continuity of education from 4+ to 11 years of age.

There are several ways you can keep up to date with school information, via our website [www.filtonavenue.com](http://www.filtonavenue.com) and by downloading the school app which can be found in iTunes or Google Play, links to these can be found on the school website.

You are welcome to contact us at any time if you have any questions or need help. The main school telephone number is 0117 903 0302 or email [info@filtonavenue.com](mailto:info@filtonavenue.com)

Please keep this booklet and share it with your child. It contains useful information which you can refer to over the school year.

We look forward to meeting you.

**Anne Rutherford**  
Executive Head Teacher



# TERM DATES 2015 - 2016

 Term Time

 Inset Day

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 School Holiday

## SEPTEMBER 2015

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We aim to give you as much notice of term and inset dates as possible. We update any changes on our website, where you may also download a copy of the school calendar.

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# STARTING ARRANGEMENTS

## STARTING IN RECEPTION

So that children can settle into their new school, Reception Classes start in two groups. There is a letter with this booklet telling you which group your child is in. In early September, we will be offering home visits to our new children and parents.

**GROUP A** STARTING ON MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2015

**GROUP B** STARTING ON MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2015



**BACK TO SCHOOL IN YEARS 1 - 6  
STARTS ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2015**

**TO CHECK DATES AND TERM TIMES VISIT  
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## RECEPTION AND YEARS 1 AND 2

# THE SCHOOL DAY

Breakfast Club	8:00am
School Opens	8:45am
Morning Break	10:30am – 10:45am
Lunch (Reception)	11:50am – 1:00pm
Lunch (Years 1 & 2)	12:00pm – 1:00pm
School Finishes	3:15pm

### IN THE MORNING

When your child first starts school please bring them into the classroom entrance where they will be met by their new class teacher. When they have settled in, we ask that you leave your child at the entrance doors to come into the school building by themselves. This helps them to develop independence and avoids the corridors becoming too busy and helps ensure a smooth start to the day.

### MEETING YOUR CHILD AT THE END OF THE DAY

Please collect your child from the classroom door in the playground. We ask that parents stay in the playground, where we will only hand your child over to you. If you are unable to collect your child, please let us know your alternative arrangements in advance.





## YEARS 3 - 6

<b>Breakfast Club</b>	8:00am
<b>School Opens</b>	8:45am
<b>Morning Break</b>	10:45am – 11:00am
<b>Lunch</b>	12:30pm – 1:30pm
<b>School Finishes</b>	3:15pm

### IN THE MORNING

The playground is supervised from 8.40am for children who aren't attending breakfast club. Children should be ready for registration when the bell sounds at 8.45am. We ask that parents and children enter the school through the main pedestrian gate. Please encourage your child to enter the school building independently.

### MEETING YOUR CHILD AT THE END OF THE DAY

All children will make their way to the playground with their class teacher once the school bell has rung at 3.15pm. We ask that parents meet their children in the playground and not the corridors as these can be busy places at the end of the day. If you would like your child to walk home independently, please inform their class teacher.

## TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

**We encourage all children to walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible.**

For the safety of children and staff, cars are not permitted to enter either of our sites to drop off or pick up children at the start or end of the school day. If you do need to drive your child to school, please park responsibly in the local area. Parents are not permitted to park in the car park.

Bike sheds and scooter parks are available for use during the school day. At Lockleaze Road there are two bike sheds, one near the main school entrance for our younger children and one near the top playground for older children. The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to bikes / scooters that are stored at school.



## OTHER INFORMATION



Dogs are not allowed anywhere on the school site, for health and safety reasons.

Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the school site. We also request that you do not smoke directly outside the school gates.

Mobile phones should not be brought into school. Prior arrangements should be made if it is necessary, please contact the school reception for further information.





# ATTENDANCE

Good school attendance gives your child the opportunity of success and helps develop skills for life. Your child should attend school every day unless there is an unavoidable cause such as illness.

**Some people might think that missing the odd day at school will not harm learning, but with so much going on it is easy to miss out. Your child might fall behind with their work and struggle to catch up. If there are any gaps in their knowledge it might seriously affect their long term learning, so pupils should never miss school for reasons such as shopping, birthdays or to wait in for a repair person.**

Children tell us that they find it hard to come back into school when they miss a day or more, they also tell us that not all of them find it easy to fit back in with their friends after missing school.

## **What should I do if my child is off school?**

Telephone the school office by 9.30am on each day of their absence so that we know your child is safe at home.

Please make any medical, dental or other appointments out of school time. However, if it is unavoidable, it is always worth bringing your child into school before and/or after their appointments. Please let the school know in advance of any appointments they need to attend, so that we can update our records.

You may be asked for a medical certificate or appointment card if your child is regularly

absent due to illness or dental/medical appointments.

## **Absence in Term Time**

The government stipulates that the Headteacher may grant permission to take time off during term time only in exceptional circumstances.

A Request for Absence form must be submitted to the school at least 3 weeks before time off is required. Taking time off without permission will be counted as unauthorised and 4 days or more unauthorised absences can lead to a Penalty Notice and a fine being issued.

## **What should I do if I'm having difficulties with attendance?**

It's important you come and speak to us straight away. Remember parents / carers have a legal responsibility to make sure their child attends school. We can offer you support, Deborah Skuse, our Learning Mentor is available to meet with you or we can point you in the right direction for further support with the Education Welfare Service. If you want to talk to Deborah, please ring her on **0117 903 0302** or email her at [deborah.skuse@filtonavenue.com](mailto:deborah.skuse@filtonavenue.com)



# SCHOOL MEALS

School Meals are prepared at the school daily and offer a balanced and nutritious meal. Halal and vegetarian food is available every day. At Lockleaze Road, our school meals are provided by Eden Catering. A menu is provided and rotates over a 3 week period. If your child has any specific meal requirements or allergies, please let us know so that we can inform our catering team.

## RECEPTION AND YEARS 1 & 2

Your child will be provided with a free school meal each day as part of the Government Universal Free School Meal initiative.

## YEARS 3 - 6

School dinners should be paid for in advance. Payments can be made on line - see the link on the school website to set up an account. Alternatively dinner money for the week must be brought in on a Monday in a named envelope. School dinners currently cost £2.25 per day (£11.25 per week).

Parents on certain benefits are entitled to free school meals. Please do not feel shy about this; it is your entitlement. You can apply for free school meals directly from our website. Even if your child might only have a dinner very occasionally, please apply.





## PACKED LUNCHES

We like children to eat healthily. The right kind of food will help the brain to learn and the body to feel energetic. A suggested packed lunch would contain a sandwich/pasta, water/juice, two pieces of fruit and one treat (crisps/biscuit).

## MILK & WATER

Free milk is available in school for all children under 5, however when your child reaches 5 years of age there will be a charge of 25p per carton. In the term that your child becomes 5, you will be asked to complete an order form and pay in advance, if you would like your child to continue receiving milk. This is currently only available up until Year 2.

It is good for your body and your brain to drink plenty of water during the day. We will provide your child with a water bottle when your child starts school. We keep these in school and the children are encouraged to drink water

regularly during the day. It needs to be taken home every week for washing, so that it stays clean and keeps children healthy. You can buy additional bottles from the office for £1.50 each and extra bottle tops are also available.

## FRUIT

All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children receive a piece of fruit or vegetable, e.g. apple, orange, banana, carrot or tomato, to eat at break time. This is currently free for every pupil in these year groups.

For Years 3 - 6 we offer 'Fruit Tuck', which is a piece of fresh fruit available daily. It is a good way of getting one of your 5 a day and also helps children to stay alert for learning. Fruit Tuck costs between £4-£6 a term and we will send a letter home to remind you before each term starts. Fruit is also available to buy at break-time or fruit can be brought in from home, but no other snacks are allowed.





# PUPIL PREMIUM

The Pupil Premium provides additional funding on top of the main funding a school receives. It is targeted at students from less advantaged backgrounds to help them benefit from the same opportunities as other students. The school receives £1320 per pupil (2015/2016) and uses this money to fund staff and resources targeted towards the children receiving the funding. Each year we provide information on how we use the pupil premium on our school website.

To make sure that the school receives the pupil premium, parents should register through the Free School Meal application process.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You can apply for Pupil Premium if you receive one of the following:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance benefit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999.
- The 'Guaranteed Element' of Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit (provided that you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit run-on –paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If you think you may be eligible, please apply so the school will receive the pupil premium grant to use to provide extra support for your child.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Applying online at [www.bristol.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/fsm) is the easiest way to register. The details in your application will be checked against the database maintained by the Department for Education. If we are able to confirm your eligibility through this system you will not need to provide any further information.

If you do not have a computer at home, or need help completing the application process, you can come and see us any time during the school day. We can also provide you with a computer in the school so that you can apply online.

# BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

## BREAKFAST CLUB 8:00AM - 8:45AM

**Breakfast club allows parents to bring their children in before the start of the school day to have breakfast in a safe, friendly environment. Children are encouraged to choose a balanced healthy breakfast from the menu.**

- Healthy cereals
- Toast, butter, jam and other spreads
- Beans on toast
- Sausage and bacon sandwiches (available on certain days)
- Juice / Milk / Tea

The last breakfast is served at 8.35am. After breakfast children can choose to participate in group / individual games, colouring, reading or festive activities.

Breakfast club costs £1.50 per day (£7.50 per week) for each child.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 3:15PM - 5:45PM

**After school club is open every weekday during term time (except inset days). Children are collected from their classroom at the end of the school day by the afterschool club staff. The club runs until 5:45pm.**

Reception and Years 1 & 2 are in the lower school hall and the activity room.

The Years 3–6 after school club takes place in the top school hall.

The children are given a healthy snack and can take part in a variety of activities including art, gardening, games and sports.

The current cost is £8.00 per session. If you are interested in applying for a place, please contact the school office on **0117 903 0302** or check the website [www.filtonavenue.com](http://www.filtonavenue.com)

**Help with childcare costs is available through the working tax credit. See the online tax credit calculator at [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk) for an idea of the help that may be available for you.**

### School Trips and Extra Curricular Activities

**We run a range of lunchtime and after school activities, currently including sports, gardening, art, recorder, cooking, reading, chess and gym. Parents will be advised which clubs are on offer for each site.**

For older children there are netball and football clubs. Children can put their names down for trials and, if they are selected, they will play against teams from other schools.

Music lessons are available for many instruments, including the guitar, piano, clarinet, violin and the recorder. You will receive a letter when they start with information on costs or contact the school office on **0117 906 0302** for more information.

There are also occasional school day trips to places such as Bristol Zoo, the SS Great Britain and the University of the West of England. Each class will be notified about these during the school year.

We are concerned with the education of the whole child and we encourage our children to develop the personal and social skills required for life.

# BEHAVIOUR

## We aim to promote:

- Respect in children for themselves, for others and for their environment, and to ensure equality of opportunity for all.
- Quality and excellence in all things by providing a consistent and caring atmosphere between children, staff and parents/carers, where everyone is valued.

We maintain high standards of behaviour to enable all children to do their best. In the classroom, we must make sure that lesson time is used effectively to promote good learning behaviours. This allows the children to focus on their learning, free from disruptions and distractions. In the playground, children will be able to play happily and safely. We have developed a sequence of actions for all school staff to follow in any case of inappropriate behaviour. We hope this will ensure consistency of approach.

The expectations are clearly stated on the school's website and our school policies for discipline and behaviour are available from the office. A new behaviour policy will be developed for September 2015 to reflect the new primary school.

We have worked with the children to develop School Safety Rules and Classroom Rules to

maintain the discipline and safety of all children. The rules are clearly displayed around the school and in each classroom.

We would remind parents that they are responsible for their children's playground behaviour, before the doors open at 8.45am and after the end of the school day at 3.15pm. Inappropriate behaviour includes physical assault, racial abuse and rough play.

Children who are victims of physical or verbal abuse should be encouraged to always report it to any adults in school. It is not appropriate for children to be instructed to hit back.

## How can Parents / Carers help?

We will send home a copy of our behaviour policy and rules, they will also be available on the school website [www.filtonavenue.com](http://www.filtonavenue.com). Please help your child to understand the right way to behave in school. Our main aim is to provide opportunities for all children to do their best to become responsible individuals.

If your child chooses to disregard a rule and gets a sanction, please support the school. It is the best way of ensuring that they think much harder about their behaviour.

**If you have any concerns about your child's behaviour in school, please contact us.**





# KEEPING SAFE

**Your child's wellbeing and health and safety are very important to us. You can help keep us informed about your child's needs by making sure that the school always has up to date contact numbers for parents or carers, in case we need to get in touch with you.**

We ask that you inform the school of changes to your address as well as changes to your home and mobile phone numbers. Please also provide a number of an alternative adult for contacting in an emergency.

Qualified first aiders in school will treat any minor accidents. In more serious cases, we will call an ambulance and a member of staff will accompany your child to the hospital. In such situations we will inform you immediately.

If your child needs to take medication during the day, please contact the school reception to ensure we are able to accept this responsibility. If you would like us to give your child their medication you will need to complete and return an indemnity form, available from the school office or the website [www.filtonavenue.com](http://www.filtonavenue.com). We are only able to administer named, prescribed medication, such as antibiotics.

Children who use an asthma inhaler are expected to be able to administer it themselves,

with supervision. Inhalers will be kept in class and need to be clearly labelled with the child's name. Parents should make sure that inhalers are in date and still have medication left in them. Please check your child's inhaler regularly.

If your child has any allergies please make sure that you let the school know. You can discuss your child's needs by contacting the school office to make an appointment with one of our First Aid Leaders.

We have leaflets available in the school office with information on how to deal with head lice, alternatively see [www.nhs.co.uk/conditions/head-lice](http://www.nhs.co.uk/conditions/head-lice) for further information.

As part of the curriculum we provide supervised access to the internet. Our school internet provider operates a filtering system that restricts access to inappropriate material.

# SCHOOL UNIFORM

**We encourage all pupils to wear the school uniform.**

The school uniform is navy jumpers/ cardigans for Lockleaze Road, worn with black/grey trousers/skirts and pale blue/white polo shirts. During the summer black/grey shorts and blue gingham dresses can be worn.

All items can be purchased online via the school website [www.filtonavenue.com](http://www.filtonavenue.com) or, if you do not have access to the internet, please ask in the school reception as we can place an order for you. You are also able to purchase non-school logo items from other shops.

A book bag is useful as it is important that children can easily carry their books, homework

and any letters to and from school.

Please make sure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name. Write your child's name on their PE bag and book bag.

All long hair must be tied back with a sensible band. Jewellery is not allowed, other than small stud earrings.

## Reception Children

When your child starts school please provide a spare pair of pants (to be kept in PE bag) in case of any accidents.

Reception children also need to bring in Wellington boots, in a labelled bag, as these will be required all year round.



**School book bag**  
Infant £4.85  
Junior £5.95



**School PE bag**  
£3.95



**Reversible fleece**  
£15.00



**Fleece jacket**  
£12.15



**Sweatshirt**  
£8.50



**Cardigan**  
£9.85



**Polo shirt**  
£7.65



**Trousers - black**  
widely available



**Skirt - black**  
widely available



**t shirt - white**  
widely available



**shorts - black**  
widely available



**black shoes**  
widely available



**Daps / plimsolls**  
widely available



**dress - gingham**  
widely available





## FRIENDS OF FILTON AVENUE

**Our school has an active parents association called Friends of Filton Avenue Schools (FFA). The association seeks to promote parental and local community involvement in your child's education.**

**Their aim is to support teachers and staff to raise funds for the school. This enables our children to have access to resources and experiences beyond the schools main funding, as well as providing fun ways for families to socialise with each other.**

The FFA plan fun events for the children and their families throughout the school year, which have included; summer and winter fairs, cake

sales, story evenings and book sales. During the summer we hold picnics and families who are joining the school in September are welcome to come along and get an informal introduction to school life.

The FFA is always grateful for volunteers. If you are interested in helping at an event or joining a committee, please contact the FFA at [ffa@filtonavenue.com](mailto:ffa@filtonavenue.com) or via the school office.

Please also look for updates on our app which can be downloaded in iTunes or Google Play. Links to both, as well as further information about the FFA, can be found on our website [www.filtonavenue.com](http://www.filtonavenue.com).



# LEARNING AT HOME

Your child's learning is a partnership between school and home and you can support them with this from the time they first start school. Encourage your child to talk about themselves and their experiences and set aside time to really listen and respond to them, so that they develop a sense of worth and value. Equally, help them to learn to stop and listen to others.

Encourage your child to explore and ask questions. Spending time outdoors helps children to relax and also to become more aware of their environment and nature.

It is important to encourage an interest in and enjoyment of books of all kinds. Help your child to learn how to handle books with care and turn the page correctly. It will help your child to spend time looking at and talking about the pictures in the books before you begin to read the story. This should encourage children to want to read for themselves!

Singing nursery rhymes together will also help your child develop the groundwork for learning to read. Pointing out and reading signs, labels and words that we see all around us will also help children to start to recognise words and understand how they are used.

Once new children starting in reception have settled into school, we will start sending home pre-reading books for you to share and enjoy with your child. We do not expect your child to be able to read the words at this stage, although a few children may be able to.



We will explain our approach to reading at our information evening once your child begins school. Encourage your child to do plenty of drawing, tracing, colouring and painting with a range of materials.

Show your child how to hold a pencil correctly and, if they show an interest, demonstrate how to form letters correctly from the start.

Capital letters are only used at the beginning of names. Please teach your child to write the rest of their name in lower case letters when they are ready to write. This may not be for some time, so don't worry if they are not interested initially.

Children love numbers! You can help by counting objects, or stairs as you go up. Counting rhymes are really useful at this stage. If they are ready, help them to write numbers. Have a look at shapes and talk about them. Talk about words such as round, square, big, small, straight, curved, tall, short, wide, narrow.

Try sorting objects such as a set of animals into groups of the same item. Play matching games and do jigsaws to help develop problem solving skills.

Creativity helps children learn to express themselves in a variety of ways. Provide opportunities for dressing up, acting out plays, singing, dancing, making things with different media, listening to and making music.

Physical activities help with the development of spatial awareness. Give your child the opportunity to run, cycle, jump around, use climbing frames and so on to build confidence. Play ball games to develop throwing and catching skills.

All children in school will have a home reading book. From Year 1 they will have spellings and other homework which will be given out weekly. Children in reception will have a small homework task once they have settled into school.



# HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN TO READ

RECEPTION AND YEARS 1 & 2

## LEARNING TO READ IS TRICKY BUT YOU CAN HELP

Think about how you help your child learn to do other things, make it a bit easier, you give them support to build their confidence and you have fun!

It's the same with reading! They need lots of praise. They need to know that you are proud of them. Most of all, they should enjoy reading with you.

In the early books you should make sure that your child is very confident about:

- Which way up the book goes
- Which page to read first
- Understanding first word / last word and top of page / bottom of page
- The difference between a letter and a word
- Pointing to the words so they can match the spoken word to the written word
- Recognising some letters
- Picking out a few known words in the story
- Never cover up the pictures. Looking at the pictures will give them a clue.
- Tell them the names of the characters
- Look at the pictures and talk about what is happening
- Read them any repeated phrases and ask them to repeat it in a 'story voice'
- Point out any tricky words
- Ask them to predict the ending



# READING TIPS

Find a quiet and comfortable place. Make sure your child is not too tired. Always make it fun. Try to keep the pace of the story fast and encourage your child to read with their 'story voice'. Get your child to look for clues. They can use

The pictures



Known sounds and letters

Known words and phrases



## HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU COULD SAY...

Did that sound right?

Did that make sense?

Get your mouth ready for the first sound?

Look carefully at that and try again

Did that look right?

Did you have enough words?

It does start with that but look at the ending

I like the way you...

Well done you tried it on your own

## PRAISE ALL ATTEMPTS

It's really important to praise all your child's attempts.

When you have finished reading talk about the book and check your child has really understood the story. You could say...

- Which part did you like best?
- Did you enjoy the story?

**Bug Club**



We use an online reading club, Bug Club, where you can read fun stories online. Once your child starts at school, we will give you log in details. You can have a look now at [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)



# HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN TO READ

## YEARS 3 - 6

In Years 3 - 6, children will receive a Reading Journal. Children who read for pleasure do significantly better in all aspects of their learning. Each time they read a book, they need to complete a journal entry. The reading journal contains different activities for each time they read a book.

We are constantly updating our library with a range of books at different levels, so there is always something new to read. You can help by putting your initials in the journal each time your child reads to you or on their own, so that the teacher can see when they have read at home.

For some great ideas about books your children might enjoy reading at home, visit the [www.lovereading4kids.co.uk](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk) and don't forget to use the Bug club. [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)



## TIPS TO HELP YOU YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR READING

- Stop and pause at the full stops and other sentence endings e.g. ! and ?.
- Sound out the word.
- Break unknown words into parts to read them, or look at the beginning or end of the word (don't tell them the word straight away).
- Read signs or leaflets when you're out and talk about what they really mean.
- Read the rest of the sentence and then go back and make a sensible guess at what the word could be.
- Read anything! (Newspapers, magazines, articles from the internet, signs...).
- Read articles in newspapers or magazines and chat about them – e.g. talk about different celebrities or what the sports results are.
- After watching a TV programme, chat about what they think might happen next, or why they like or don't like it. Encourage them to speak in complete sentences and explain opinions, e.g. not "I liked it because it was good", but "That episode of 'Doctor Who' was really exciting because I thought everyone was going to get killed but the Doctor stopped it just in time!"
- Play games in which you act out parts of stories or TV programmes that they like. Talk about the characters' feelings while you are doing this.
- Remember that reading to your child is also hugely effective, no matter what their reading level is.

# HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS



For younger children playing and talking about games together will really encourage their mathematical development and support their learning in school.

All activities you do which are seen as a puzzle, a game or as a 'finding out' process will enhance your child's confidence to play with numbers and help them be more competent puzzlers and problem-solvers.

Your child will also benefit from any discussion about time, weight and money. Talk about how long an activity will last or how long it is until a TV programme starts. Using recipes is a great way to discuss weight and involving your child with the shopping will help too.

Encouraging them to play with numbers and develop a range of mental calculation strategies will also help build their confidence and competence.

As well as playing and discussing games, older children need to practise and consolidate skills such as mental arithmetic, solving equations, working out angles and calculating an average. These skills are necessary for solving the 'bigger' problems they will encounter as their mathematics develops.

You can also encourage your child to engage with maths in the media, looking at how numbers and graphs are used to support arguments and encouraging them to question the reasonableness of what they are presented with.

They may want to investigate further by searching on the internet, for example. Many parents will find that the way maths is taught is different from their own experience.

If there are aspects of maths you would like to know more about, talk to your child's teacher.

## MATHLETICS

Your child will be given a login to Mathletics [www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)

This is an online platform to help your child practice their maths and also enjoy playing against other children around the world.



## Communications

We endeavour to keep parents regularly informed about school events and activities. However, sending paper letters home can be rather 'hit and miss' with letters often going astray along the way.

Our website [www.filtonavenue.com](http://www.filtonavenue.com) remains a great place to find out more about the school and we will continue to send emails and text messages to keep you up to date. We also have some exciting ways for you to stay informed.

## School App



Our free school app can be downloaded from iTunes App Store or Google Play, where you will receive

updates on events happening in school. This is another way of finding out more information about the school.

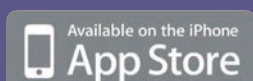
## School Gateway App



You can also download the free School Gateway App which enables you to send and receive text messages directly to and from the school, free of charge. We will send you information about school events, plus urgent messages when, for example, a school trip has been delayed or the school has closed due to bad weather.


Please notify us if there are any changes to your telephone number or email address, so that we can continue to keep you informed at all times.

**BOTH APPS ARE AVILABLE FROM THE  
GOOGLE PLAY STORE AND THE APP STORE**





# HOME / SCHOOL AGREEMENT



Staff and governors of Filton Avenue Primary School aim to make the school a welcoming place, where there is a feeling of purpose and co-operation between children, staff, parents and governors. Our 'Home/School Agreement' has been formally adopted by the local governing body.

We recognise that parents and carers are the prime educators of their child, and that we should work in partnership to make learning more effective. We ask for your co-operation in our efforts to provide all our children with quality teaching and learning.

## **We ask all our children to:**

Work hard in class.

Allow other children to learn and teachers to teach.

Act in an orderly way in the school and playgrounds.

Behave respectfully towards all members of our school community.

## **We ask all Parents / Carers to:**

Ensure their child attends school regularly and punctually.

Support their children in school and value their work.

Support their child's reading on a regular basis.

Attend Parent/Teacher consultation sessions.

Support the school's behaviour policy.

Ensure their child is appropriately dressed for school.

Ensure their child arrives at school ready for 8.45am (when the school day starts) and is collected promptly at 3.15pm.

Behave respectfully towards all members of the school community.

## **We ask all staff to:**

Work together to achieve quality teaching and learning to which all children have access.

Respect each child as an individual.

Provide a caring environment which allows each child to develop confidence, independence and self-esteem.

Behave respectfully towards all members of the school community.

Once you have read this page, please sign the Admission Form to say you have read and accepted the Home/School agreement and you are happy for your contact details to be used for communications from the school.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## **What should I do if my child is running late for school?**

Please telephone to let us know before 9.30am. If you arrive after 9am please report in at the office to ensure that your child's attendance is recorded on the register and that a school dinner is ordered for them, if required.

## **What should I do if my child is unwell?**

You should contact us by 9.30am on each day of sickness, to let us know your child is not well.

## **If my child has any dietary requirements, who should I tell?**

We can accommodate many dietary requirements, please tell the school office so that arrangements can be made with Eden Catering Services. Vegetarian and Halal food are available daily.

## **What will happen if my child is ill at school?**

We have trained first aiders at the school, who will assess your child and contact you if

necessary. Please make sure that you update any changes to your contact numbers and emergency contacts.

## **What do I need to do if my child is taking prescribed medication?**

You will need to complete a medical indemnity form, which is available from the school office. We can then administer medication for you during the school day. Unfortunately we are unable to administer any medication that is not prescribed by a medical doctor, but you can arrange to visit the school to give medication yourself.

## **My child has a serious health problem, how will the school deal with this?**

The school will work closely with you and the school nurse and any health professionals involved with your child to draw up a care plan. The staff will also undertake any necessary training to enable them to care for your child during the school day.

## **If I am running late to pick up my child what should I do?**



Please telephone to let us know as soon as possible. Children will be looked after in school and you can pick them up from the late room.

### **If I want somebody else to pick up my child, should I notify the school?**

Yes, please contact the school in advance. Where possible, we prefer to meet the person picking up your child beforehand, to ensure that we are sending your child home with the correct adult.

### **Can I talk to my child's class teacher?**

Yes, this is welcomed. Mornings are generally busy times getting ready for the school day. Class teachers will be available in the playground at the end of the school day. If you would like to meet with a teacher, please arrange a time with them or contact the school office.

### **What should I do if I have any concerns about the school or a child?**

Please talk to any member of staff. If you feel you can't talk to a member of staff you can

Speak to the head teacher at any time, by making an appointment with the school office.

### **Can my child bring a mobile phone into school?**

We do not allow children to have mobile phones in school. If there are exceptional circumstances that mean your child needs to bring their phone to school you should write to the school to explain the reasons and your child will need to hand their phone into the school office every day.

### **How do I make payments to school?**

School dinners are free for Reception and Years 1 & 2. School dinners for Years 3 - 6, school trips, milk and Breakfast and After School Club can be paid through our online payment system, School Gateway. See the link on the school website [www.filtonavenue.com](http://www.filtonavenue.com)

### **Where can I find lost property?**

Lost property is stored in school, please ask your class teacher who will point you in the right direction.

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## USEFUL INFORMATION

### FILTON AVENUE

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A: Filton Avenue Children's Centre, Blakeney Road, Horfield, Bristol BS7 0DL



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Family Information Service	T: 0117 357 4192	E: <a href="mailto:askcyps@bristol.gov.uk">askcyps@bristol.gov.uk</a>
Education Welfare Service	T: 0117 352 1438	
School Nursing Service	T: 0117 903 0727	
NHS Non-Emergency Service	T: 111	