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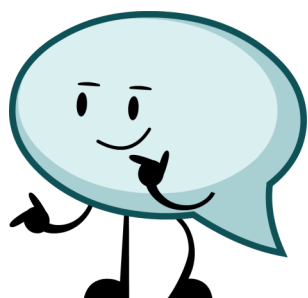
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My Child at School (MCAS) App — An ongoing Apology

When I last wrote to you all I apologised for the less than an acceptable start to the year in relation to the new system which Astrea Academy Trust have implemented for the payment of meals, breakfast clubs and clubs. I would just like to say thank you to all of you for your patience in working with us whilst the Admin Team work hard to sort this out with the providers of the system. I know that we are still ironing out a few issues, but I just want to make you aware of how hard the Admin Team have worked on this as they want it to be right for all our families, they have been relentless in sorting this so I want to say thank you to the team. If you have any queries please contact the Admin Team who will be only too happy to support you.



School to Home Communications



All of our communications will now be going through the My Child at School (MCAS) App—there will no longer be text messages to make you aware of what is happening in school or to remind you of events. It is therefore vital that you download the App so you are fully informed of what is happening in school and that you don't miss out on information. If this is something you would like support with, please just drop into the main school reception and the Admin team will work with you to get this up and running for your child.

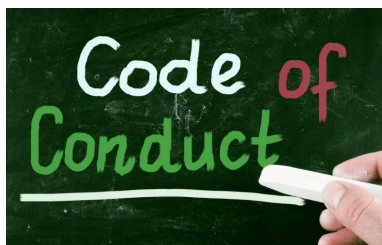


Uniform

Firstly, I would just like to say thank you to all our families—the children have come back to school very smart and with the correct uniform. The children are spoken proudly about their new shoes and new jumpers. I know that this is a significant cost for everyone and whilst we stress to the children about taking responsibility for their jumpers when they take them off, inevitably children put jumpers down leave them and then don't know where they have put them. It has been difficult reuniting children to their clothing as so much of what we already have in lost property does not have names in. This is a plea on schools behalf, please could you put your child's name in the item of clothing and then if it does get misplaced it is easy to return it to the child.



Conduct of Parents/Carers and Visitors at Kingfisher Primary



Kingfisher Primary implements a policy for the conduct of parents, carers and visitors to the school, in conjunction with Astrea Academy Trust. It is our standard practice to allow parents permission at certain times of the day to bring and collect their child and to be on school premises. However, this is always on condition that the visitors' behaviour is reasonable and inoffensive. Should any parent or visitor act in an unreasonable manner to any member of our school community, permission for them to be on the school site will be withdrawn and further action taken if necessary.

Photograph Days

School photograph day will be on **Wednesday 19th October**. This will be for individual photographs.



Universal Free School Meals

Please can we remind you that if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to receive universal school meals. This is a scheme set up by the Government that offers a free meal to all infant children. The school kitchen serves a wide variety of meals to suit everyone's taste and everyday there are four choices on the school dinner menu including a vegetarian, jacket potato and sandwich choice. However, you must still sign up on the Doncaster Council website if you believe that your child would be entitled to Free School Meals due to your financial position. I would encourage you to do this as if vouchers are issued for children during the holidays you will only receive them if you have applied through the Doncaster Council website.



Attendance Matters

Here are our attendance figures for last week. Our whole school attendance target this year is 96% and our whole school attendance currently stands at 95.9%. Thank you for helping us to reach our target by ensuring that you are in school everyday

Class	Current Attendance
1	99.0%
2	95.0%
3	98.0%
4	97.0%
5	95.0%
6	94.0%
7	94.0%
8	99.0%
9	93.0%
10	99.0%
11	92.0%
12	95.0%
13	99.0%
14	96.0%

School Matters!



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As a school we feel that it is important that our children come to school ready to learn and wearing the correct school uniform helps them to do this. The school wishes to promote a sense of pride and belonging in our children and believes that the wearing of a school uniform is one of the ways in which this can be achieved. The uniform is simple and practical, suited to the demands of a primary school education and economically priced.

School Uniform Requirements:

Kingfisher Primary Uniform	Kingfisher P.E Kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White shirt or polo shirt Light blue shirt or polo shirt Navy polo shirt Navy blue sweatshirt with or without logo Navy blue cardigan with or without logo Grey trousers Grey skirt or pinafore dress Grey/black/navy tights in cold weather Blue gingham dress (only blue no other colours) Plain black footwear (this can include black trainers but without logos) Stud earrings only (due to Health & Safety) Basic Wrist watch (no other jewellery) No make-up including nail varnish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain navy or black shorts Plain navy or black jogging bottoms in cold weather White t-shirts Black gym shoes Stud earrings should be removed for PE sessions



Thank you to families for ensuring that your children are in the correct uniform each day.