

Important things to consider when starting at Ravensdale Infant and Nursery School



In preparation:

- Ravensdale Infant, Nursery and Junior Schools share the same uniform. The following items may be purchased from any retailer of your choice:
- Girls - grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers. Blue and white dress for summer.
- Boys - grey trousers or shorts.
- All - white blouse, shirt or polo shirt.
- All - blue sweatshirt or cardigan.
- Shoes should be black, flat, sensible shoes that enclose the whole foot. These should be worn all year round. Sandals and Jelly shoes are not appropriate.
- Embroidered sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts with the 'Ravensdale' logo on can be purchased at either:

Tesco online at www.clothingattesco.com

Morleys – 446 Nottingham Road Chaddesden DE21 6PE

Uniform Direct – 54 Babington Lane, Derby, DE1 1SX

- Children should wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE. This will be communicated to you at the beginning of the school year.

PE kit is:

- a plain white t-shirt
- black or navy shorts
- white socks
- black pumps
- For outdoor PE children can wear their **school jumper or cardigan**, trainers and navy or black leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

All items can be bought from the above suppliers or any supermarket.

It is very important that all PE kits and school clothes are **labelled with your child's name**. As all children wear the same coloured clothes it can be very tricky to find any lost items if they are not named.

Supporting your child at home:

- In our school we are keen to develop children's **independence and self-help skills**. Please ensure that your child has plenty of practice at home in putting on and fastening their own coat, getting dressed and undressed independently, toileting themselves and washing hands well.
- Starting school and being able to write their own name independently will help to give your child a good start. Please do not worry if your child cannot do this, but if you wish to practise please be aware of using the correct letter formation and a capital letter **only** at the beginning of their name.
- An awareness of number and counting are also good skills to have. Your child will benefit from playing number games at home, counting everyday objects such as buttons, steps and cars and looking for numbers when you are out and about.
- When your child has started school it will be expected that you support your child's reading at home. Every child will be given reading books and online stories to read as well as books from our lending library. There will be a Home-Schools liaison diary to sign when your child reads at home.

Timings of the school day

- School begins at **8.55am**. Gates open at **8.45am**.
- Any child arriving after 8.55am must be taken to the main office and signed in by the adult dropping off.
- Please encourage your child to put away their **own belongings independently** so that they know where they are if they need them during the day.
- Our teaching staff will be at their classroom doors each morning and are happy to discuss any queries that you may have.
- School finishes at **3.20pm**. Please walk to the classroom where the teaching staff will dismiss your child to you. Please ensure you have completed the permission form if it is someone else collecting.
- Children not collected will be taken to the main office at **3.30pm** and you will be asked to sign them out from here if you are late arriving to collect. Please telephone the office if you are delayed so that we can reassure your child.