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### Welcome to Year 1

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child into Year 1. We have put together this useful information sheet to help you to support your child as they transition from Foundation Stage into Key Stage 1. Hopefully you will find this helpful, however, if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to come and see Miss Meyer or Miss Ryczowski.

#### Meet the Team:

##### Kingfisher Class



Miss Meyer



Mrs Biggs

##### Puffin Class



Miss Ryczowski



Miss Fullbrook





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**King's Meadow school uniform consists of:**

- A pair of black, sensible school shoes (ideally with velcro if your child is unable to tie their own laces)
- A white polo shirt / white blouse / button-up shirt
- A navy blue sweatshirt (logo optional) or cardigan
- Black or dark grey trousers, skirt or tailored shorts (smart culottes are also acceptable)
- Plain dark tights
- A navy 'gingham' summer dress
- School fleece (optional)
- A coat or waterproof jacket

Polo shirts, sweatshirts and cardigans which are manufactured with the school logo embroidered on the front can be ordered online from through Price & Buckland ([www.pbparentsonline.co.uk/kingsmeadow](http://www.pbparentsonline.co.uk/kingsmeadow)). The school also runs a second-hand uniform shop, which stocks a range of good quality used items. Please be aware - It is not compulsory for school uniform to carry the school logo. However, uniform containing the school logo does increase a sense of pupil identity with the school and can make it easier for parents to decide what is/is not appropriate for school uniform.

The following items of clothing are not appropriate school uniform:

- ⊗ Jeans or skinny jean like trousers
- ⊗ Patterned tights
- ⊗ Leggings (either instead of trousers or instead of tights)
- ⊗ Tracksuit bottoms
- ⊗ Hooded tops (either worn instead of school jumpers or as coats)
- ⊗ Flip flops
- ⊗ Trainers as school shoes
- ⊗ Shoes with high heels or wedges
- ⊗ Slippers

**PE Kit:**

- A plain white T-shirt or KMS Sports Team Top (now available from the uniform shop)
- Blue or black shorts
- Training shoes for outdoor games
- Tracksuit trousers and warm top for outdoor games
- Socks





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These items should preferably be kept in a drawstring bag, or smaller shoulder bag that does not take up too much cloakroom space and should be in school all week. Children should not wear any of the same clothes for PE that they have worn for the rest of the day.

The following items of clothing are not appropriate to wear as PE kit:

- ⊗ Replica football kits
- ⊗ T-shirts with large logos
- ⊗ Hi-top trainers

### Jewellery:

The only jewellery that is permitted at school is one pair of simple stud earrings and/or a wrist watch. An LA regulation also forbids the wearing of jewellery in schools for physical activities, including PE and games lessons and also swimming. If your child has recently had their ears pierced, then please provide 'micropore' tape for them to cover their earrings whilst participating in PE lessons.

We also request that the children have an art apron in school to protect their uniform when we doing anything messy e.g. painting. An art apron could be an old adult sized shirt or t-shirt. A cooking apron is not always the best option as it doesn't protect sleeves and all of the body.

### Start and end of day routine:

At 8:45am children need to be lined up by their classroom door ready to start the school day. For safety reasons, and in order to foster a sense of independence in the children can we please ask that parents and carers do not enter the cloakroom. If children arrive once the classroom door has been locked please take your child to the school office to be signed in. School finishes for Year 1 at 3:05pm. Please can parents and carers be reminded that they are **always** welcome to speak to the teacher at the end of the school day, but to enable us to hand over all the children safely, we would ask that you wait outside the cloakroom until everyone has left.

### Lunches:

In Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a free school meal. Copies of the menu are available from the school office. Children will be asked everyday if they require a hot school dinner. If you do not want your child to have the free school dinner please provide them with a packed lunch. All children should bring a water bottle to school. Free fruit is provided at break time for a snack. No other food items are permitted to be eaten at this time. Please can all children, even those having hot dinners, bring a water bottle to school for classroom use.





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### Book bags:

These are needed in school every day and should contain your child's reading diary, reading book, library book and spelling book. A book bag is much more preferable than a backpack please. Any letters will be put into your child's book bag so please check these regularly. Reading records will be collected in once each week to be checked. Please can any reading at home be written into the reading records so that your child can be rewarded in class.

### Changing books:

Children have an opportunity to change their reading books at the start of everyday. In order to develop their independence it is the children's responsibility to make sure they change their books, as we are unable to check each child's reading diary every day. Your child will be told which reading colour they need to choose their reading books from. Please feel free to let us know if you think your child could be moved to the next stage, however, this is the decision of the class teacher.

### Library books:

Children are able to take one library book home each week. This will then be changed on a weekly basis during our library session. You will find a recommended book list stuck into the back of your child's reading diary which you may find useful when looking for books to read with your child at home.

### Homework:

After the October half term the children will be given spellings to practise each week. These spellings will be stuck into your child's reading diary and then tested every Friday. Spellings will be linked to what your child is learning in Phonics, along with the addition of a couple of the high frequency words. It is also expected that the children should be reading at home four times a week and so this is part of their homework. At the back of the reading diary you will find a copy of the 100 High Frequency words. It is expected that Year 1 children should be able to read and then spell these words. Please feel free to work on these at home should you wish. These can also be found on the school website on the Curriculum Information page for Key Stage One.

### Reading Buddy:

Each week one child will get to take the reading buddy home with them. The buddy needs to be read to every day and you can record what your child and buddy have done together in the diary provided. More information can be found in the reading buddy diary.





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### Phonics Screening Test:

Every Year 1 child in the country takes the Phonics Screening Check. This checks the reading ability of the children by asking them to decode and read 40 real and 'alien' words. It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how your child is progressing and helps to identify whether they may need additional support in this area. The assessment usually takes place during June and we will write to you afterwards to let you know how your child has done. The children are awarded with a pass or fail. Regardless of whether or not the children pass all children will continue to be taught phonics in Year 2, as outlined in the National Curriculum. Those that do not pass will have another opportunity to take the test in Year 2.

### Parent helpers:

We rely on the support of parent helpers to help us in being able to read 1:1 with children during the school day, and also to assist us on our educational visits. If you are at all interested in coming to support in your child's class please let Miss Meyer or Miss Ryczowski know.

### Sickness and absence:

Please remember to notify the school office on the morning of each day of absence. In line with advice from the Health protection Agency our school policy is that *"children who have diarrhoea and vomiting should be kept away from childcare or school for at least 48 hours after the last bout of diarrhoea or vomiting"*.

### Medication and sun cream:

We are unable to apply sun cream to the children and so advise the use of an 8hr cream in the morning before school. If for any reason your child requires medication during school hours please liaise with the school office. If your child requires an inhaler please ensure the appropriate paperwork has been completed with the school office and that your class teacher has been provided with an in-date inhaler in the classroom.

We look forward to getting to know you all over the coming year. Have a fantastic summer and see you in September.

