

- Expected class sizes in year 3? How will pupils from LH be supported to adjust to larger classes?

There are currently 66 children across the two classes. There are a series of transition activities for children from all schools, so by the time they start the Summer holidays they will have visited the school at least four times.

- A bit more formal communication about changes to head etc.

Currently the school is led by myself, with Kate Madia as Head of School for two days a week and Mrs. Miller as Assistant Head. Our Deputy Head, Mrs. Read, is on maternity leave. There will not be any major changes for September, but when everything is confirmed, we will share with parents.

- How are problems between children dealt with e.g. bullying in a large class size?

There are similar practices across all three schools, e.g. the use of *Taking Care* to empower children to communicate if they are unhappy and clear behaviour policies which state what is and isn't acceptable. There are more children at this school, but we have high staff ratios to match. If anything, I think it is easier to deal with social problems in a larger school; more children means a greater choice of friends. In a small school, if two children are not getting on so well, there are few other children.

- He has a year 3 child he would like as his buddy- can he request that?

It's great if your child knows a year 3 child already, but the buddy system is a way of getting to know a new child. For this reason, we don't take requests for buddies.

- Do they need specific bags, pens and pencils?

Children will need their usual school bag. A separate PE bag is also needed as PE kits are kept in the classrooms. A simple drawstring bag is recommended for this. All stationary is provided by the school but children may wish to bring a small pencil case with basic equipment.

- After school club bookings seem very rigid in terms of times/days- is that the case?

The guidelines are as they are, although there is sometimes some flexibility, e.g. if you want a place at short notice we will happily give it you if we can, but “harder” guidelines have to exist as we cannot guarantee such flexibility.

- Full uniform info. PE kit? Second hand?

Dunchurch Boughton Junior School has a school uniform. The school colours are royal blue and parents are asked to adopt this colour scheme when selecting clothes to be worn at school. Dunchurch Boughton Junior School sweatshirts/cardigans are strongly recommended. Guidelines are given below:-

UNIFORM - GIRLS		UNIFORM – BOYS	
GARMENT	COLOUR	GARMENT	COLOUR
pinafore dress or skirt	grey	trousers	Grey
plain trousers (not jeans)	grey		
Blouse/polo shirt	blue/white	shirt/polo shirt	blue/white
summer dress	blue check		
*Dunchurch printed sweatshirt		*Dunchurch printed sweatshirt	
Socks	white	socks	grey
shoes (low heeled)	black	shoes (not trainers)	Black
<b>P.E.</b>		<b>P.E.</b>	
Shorts	Navy	shorts	Navy
T-shirt	white	T-shirt	white
Pumps for indoor P.E.	white/black	pumps	white/black
<b>OUTDOOR GAMES</b>		<b>OUTDOOR GAMES</b>	
Trainers		training shoes	
Shorts	Navy	shorts	Navy
tracksuit		tracksuit	
or suitable outdoor clothes for		or suitable outdoor clothes for	

very cold weather		very cold weather	
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\*Available in school. Most of these items are not branded, so you are free to buy items a supplier of your choice.

### **Swimming costume for pupils in Year 3 – board shorts and 2 piece costumes are not suitable**

Trainers are only to be worn for sport and lunchtimes

Pupils are not allowed to wear jewellery in school except for small stud earrings for those children with pierced ears – these need to be removed on days when children have PE.

Children’s names should be clearly written/marked on their uniform/property.

The school sells second hand uniform, sizes subject to availability, at a cost of £1 per item.

- Balance between homework and after school clubs.

It is for each parent to decide how much time children spend in and out of school activities and after school clubs and how to balance this with homework.

- Dropping off/picking up times between the two schools (infant and junior). Also are teacher training days etc. the same between schools?

Dunchurch Infants, Leamington Hastings and Dunchurch Boughton Juniors all have the same start time, with a free fifteen minute drop off period at Leamington Hastings to give parents time to go from one to the other. There is a fifteen minute difference in finish times between the two infant schools and the Juniors to facilitate movement from one to the other. Leamington Hastings’ training days are set by the Coventry Diocese Multi-Academy Trust. At the moment, four out of their five days are in line with the Dunchurch schools.

- More information about how the after school/extra-curricular clubs work (hours, times, costs etc.)

### **Woosh: pricing / timings info**

Charges are made per half hour, with a minimum charge for the first hour. Current prices (subject to review) are:

8.00-8.40: £2.30

Collection between:

3.30-4.30: £3.30

4.30-5.00: £4.95

5.00-5.30: £6.60

5.30-6.00: £8.25

If a child is not collected by 6.00pm, there will be an additional penalty charge of £10.00 per child for every fifteen minutes after 6.00 pm.

Bookings must be made in advance through the school office, usually towards the end of the school year, for the following September. Bookings may also be made, subject to availability, on a termly or occasional (ad hoc) basis. Regular (ongoing) bookings take priority over termly and occasional bookings, and places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If you need to extend your child's booking time on a particular day, this is usually fine, but we ask that parents contact the school office (or if after 4.30pm, the Woosh mobile phone) if possible, so that we can ensure there are enough staff in place. The additional cost will be added to the next invoice.

Under normal circumstances once a place is booked, you will be charged for that session, and there is a 6 week notice period to cancel bookings. If a child attends a different after school club when they have been booked into Woosh, a retainer is charged of the full amount for the Woosh place not used. If your child is unable to attend a session due to illness, you will be charged 50% of the cost. If your child is on a school residential visit or returns from a school trip after their booked collection time, no charge will be made for these sessions.

From September 2018 parents will be invoiced, in advance, on a half termly basis. The preferred method of payment is via ParentPay but you may also pay by cheque (payable to WCC Dunchurch Junior School) and childcare vouchers. We are currently registered with Edenred, Allsave, Childcare Plus, RG Childcare, Kids Unlimited, Fideliti, Computershare, Care-4,

'KiddiVouchers' and Faircare childcare voucher schemes, and can register with other schemes on request.

### **Extra-Curricular clubs**

Some after school clubs are run by independent providers, others are run by school staff. We try to have as much information as possible by county transfer day as to what clubs will be running the following academic year. All after school clubs (apart from Year 5/6 basketball) start at 3.30pm, and finish times are between 4.15 and 5.15pm depending on the club, most finish at 4.30pm. Prices range from £2.50 - £7.50 per week. Some clubs run for the whole academic year, some are seasonal (such as gardening, athletics, football and netball). Most are subject to demand and some have limited places.

Current extra-curricular clubs include: Fit2Dance, gardening, football, chess, basketball, film, cookery, theatre, Spanish and cheerleading.

- School meal system.

The cost of a school meal is currently £2.40 however this will increase in September.

Payment is made in advance, online via ParentPay, and children will be given ParentPay login details to take home when they start the school. Paypoint cards can also be requested.

Setting a meal pattern is helpful, but is not compulsory.

School meals are cooked on site by Educaterers, and there are three meal choices each day – red, green and brown (jacket potato). Each morning during registration children are asked whether they are having a packed lunch or school dinner. Children having school dinners pre-select their meal choice from the published menu, available on the school website and in each classroom.

If your child is absent your on-line account will be credited with the cost of a dinner. If a dinner is ordered and cancelled after 10.00am a charge for the dinner will be made.

- Is there a PTA?

Yes. Details of events and how you can be involved will be shared in September.

- Are the subjects taught separately, e.g. English, Maths etc.

Mostly they are taught separately, but there is some cross curricular links, e.g. sometimes writing will be based around a history topic. There are specialist teachers for music, PE and French.

- When do they write to their buddies?

The Year 3s will write to their Y2 buddies in the first 2-3 weeks after half term, so that they will know a little about Year 3 before they come for their first transition session. The Y2 teachers can decide whether they would like their class to also write letters to their buddies.

- Woosh club bookings – will spaces always be guaranteed on the days needed?

If you make bookings within the guidelines, yes.

- Breakfast club is a later start than LH- will that be reviewed?

Leamington Hastings has only recently started offering a 7.45am, rather 8.00am drop-off. This is possible due to parent demand and staff willing to start earlier. If possible, we will replicate it here.