



Year One Parents' Handbook

Working as a team to build our
future.

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WELCOME!

Welcome to Year 1 and your child's first year in Key Stage 1.
The teachers who will be working with your children this year are:

Mr Donald Munro (Deputy Head Teacher)
Miss Kalli Bethani (Class teacher) 1B
Ms Marilyn Darroux (Learning and Teaching Assistant) 1B

We hope that your children will have a smooth transition into Year 1, as each and every one of them is special. We know that it is a big step from The Foundation stage to year 1 but we hope that this handbook will assist you through the year. We are always available to help, offer advice and support. If you are not sure of anything, please ask. It is important that we work as a team, in order for your child to achieve their full potential and have a happy and rewarding year.

If we, parents, children and teachers, work together as a team, we can achieve the goals we aim for and help your child reach their full potential. It is very important that we value each other and our own individual roles in creating successful classes and confident children.



EXPECTATIONS IN YEAR 1

At Stonebridge School, we have high expectations for every child and we expect every child to fulfil their potential. It is vital that your child attends school every day and is on time. Year 1 is a crucial year as the children begin a more formal approach to learning. Your child is expected to follow the school rules and work towards the 'Going for Gold' reward system that is used across the school. They should also be aware of the four core values of The Stonebridge School...CAR: CONSIDERATION, (positive) ATTITUDE, RESPECT and RESILIENCE.

Children are expected to:

- Behave appropriately at all times.
- To bring their book bags and P.E kits to school.
- To complete their home learning and read their home reading books.
- Wear the correct school uniform and P.E kit.
- Treat all staff, children and equipment with respect.

CAR

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



School Starts: 8.50 am

School Finishes: 3.30 pm

Your child should be in the school playground before the bell at 8.50 am and for safeguarding and health and safety reasons, children must be accompanied to school. **Under no circumstances should a Year 1 child be left in the playground before school on their own unless they are being looked after by an older sibling in Year 5 or Year 6.** Your child needs to be collected at 3.30pm from the playground. If you are going to be late please inform the school office (Telephone: 0208 965 6965). If you are late you will need to collect your child from the school office where your child will be in the after school club. Children who are not collected on time will receive a charge that will be made for this childcare service. **You need to let us know in the morning if someone else will be collecting your child in the afternoon.** If an adult is unknown to us we will not let your child go unless it has been confirmed through the office during the day. Please ensure you update the school office with your most recent contact number in case of emergencies.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



School Uniform consists of:

Grey or black trousers / skirt

White or red collared shirt

Red school sweatshirt or cardigan

Black school shoes

Black, red or white Hijab (no patterns)

Suitable black shoes need to be worn every day as **trainers are not allowed**. If you prefer that your child wears shoes with laces, please ensure they are able to tie them independently. School jumpers need to be purchased from the school office as they have the school logo. The length of skirts must

not be any longer than ankle length as this can cause a risk for the child and a tripping hazard. **Please ensure all your child's possessions are clearly labelled.**

CURRICULUM MAP

Please find attached the curriculum map for Year 1. The map shows the different topics we will be covering this year and is divided into three terms. At present we are working in the Autumn Term. We aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum that is tailored to the needs of the pupils in the year group. We will use assessment information to help plan learning opportunities for your child.

SUPPORT ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

At Stonebridge School we offer a range of different support networks to the children. In Year 1, we have English as an additional language support; Special Educational Needs support and Reading support where children may work in small groups or individually. As well as this, we have specialist PE and Music teachers.

PE

PE is compulsory for all children.
Class 1B has PE on Wednesday and Thursday.



It is vital that your child has the appropriate PE kit for all PE lessons. This consists of a school red PE T-shirt, dark or black coloured short or track suit trousers **and plimsolls or trainers**. The T Shirts can be purchased at the school office. A school tracksuit consisting of a hooded top and jogging bottom can also be purchased from the school office.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE (MFL)

This year we will continue the teaching of French as a Modern Foreign Language. Parents who are fluent in French are invited to support in class. If you are interested, please talk to the class teacher.



TERM DATES



Please find attached the term dates for this year. Please note that we ask all parents to take holidays during the holiday period. If you have to take extended leave, for exceptional circumstances only, during term time permission **MUST** be sought in advance from the Head Teacher (A form is available from the office). Failure to get permission could result in the Educational Welfare Service becoming involved, you incurring a fine or your child losing their school place.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are now entitled to Free School Meals. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, they would have received a letter explaining the new Free School Meal entitlement. Please fill this letter out promptly and return to your child's class teacher or the front office.



WATER BOTTLES & FRUIT

At Stonebridge School we support and encourage healthy eating. In Year 1 every child has one piece of fruit provided for a morning snack. Water has been proven to improve children's attention and thus their learning. Please provide your child with a **labelled** water bottle, which will be filled every day. **Juice, squash and Fizzy drinks are not allowed.**



LIBRARY

The children at Stonebridge School now have access to our fabulous new library. We use a library software system called JUNIOR LIBRARIAN. This software has been recommended and is used by many primary schools in Brent. This system is designed to be child friendly, as it allows children to learn the skills to browse borrow and return books independently. This system also provides information on a range of books, as well as child appropriate web sites for research. We have spent time and money updating the library resources and intend this process to continue, so that we have a library that we are proud of. Every child has their own personal library card, which they can use to borrow books and enjoy them at home.



PARENTS FORUM



We have a Parents' Forum at Stonebridge School. The Parents' Forum is made up of a **parent representative from each class**, who attends meetings and voices parents' views on the things the school does well, how the school can improve, as well as putting forward any other ideas. We value and welcome parents' involvement in the school and are keen to work with you to help us give your child the best education we can provide and for all children to fulfil their potential. All parent class representatives on the Forum attend a meeting with senior members of staff once every half term over the academic year. Voting for the representative occurs in September, after which we will then be able to tell you the name of the class representative for the coming academic year. Please talk to this elected representative if you wish to raise anything at the Parents' Forum.

ASSESSMENT

Teacher Assessment of children's learning is regular and ongoing on a week to week basis. It helps inform us of our next steps in teaching based on the children's needs. The information also gives an overview of your child's achievements and enables us to track progress. Teacher Assessments will be discussed with you at Parents / Teacher meetings during the school year.

Children in Year 1 will be assessed with the *National Phonics Screen Check* in June 2019. This is a reading check which is carried out in all schools towards the end of Year 1. It will establish if your child has met the expectations for Year 1. We will explain this in more detail closer to the date of the screen check. Supporting your child with their reading will help to prepare them for the check.

HOME LEARNING

Home learning is very important as it helps to reinforce the learning taken place in class and must be completed regularly.



Numeracy and Literacy home learning is given out on Thursday in a home learning folder. This must be returned the following Tuesday. If your child has any difficulties with the home learning then please, inform us as soon as possible so that we can help. Your child might also come home with home learning of a more practical nature like a drawing or creating something. Please understand that this type of home learning will also help your child



develop skills that are vital to being successful; therefore please continue to support your child in these activities and ensure that home learning is returned to school on time. There is a home learning club on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4.30 for children to attend but there are limited spaces available so you must complete the Extended Day form and return it to the office as soon as possible as places are allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

HOME LEARNING GIVEN OUT	HOME LEARNING returned to school
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>

READING BOOK GIVEN OUT	READING BOOK returned to school
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Monday</i>

Please remember to bring in your book bag EVERYDAY.

TRIPS & ASSEMBLIES

Every Friday, there is a whole school assembly. You are welcome to watch then. At least once a year your child's class will present their class assembly.

Educational visits will be organised to various places related to our topics during the year. We need parent support to ensure these go ahead. All trips are subsidised by the school, so we depend on parent contributions to the trips these go ahead. You will be informed in advance about these.

We hope that this handbook has been helpful. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to see your child's teacher.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you this year.

THE YEAR 1 TEAM

