

Pupil Safety

We take great care to ensure school is a safe and happy place for our children. We ask that all visitors to school use the main entrance and sign in on arrival. Everyone working in school, as staff or a volunteer has undergone a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

We ask that parents and carers make suitable arrangements for children to be brought to and collected from school. All pupils from Nursery up to and including Year 2 should be accompanied by an adult to and from their school entrance. Please remind older pupils that should the adult collecting them not have arrived by home time, the child should return straight back into school, where they will be supervised whilst a parent is contacted.

Bullying

Whilst we usually have outstanding behaviour at Foxhill, we do sometimes have cases of bullying. We have a Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy in place and take great care to aim to investigate and resolve any occurrences. We teach pupils about anti-bullying and have a range of strategies, including our Worry Box where pupils can discreetly inform us of any problems. Please contact us immediately if you are concerned that your child may be being bullied. The Child Line number is 0800 1111.

Homework

Our Homework Policy is reviewed regularly. Details of topics and homework routines will be sent home for the whole school each September. Class Newsletters in September will have details of homework routines. Alongside regular homework such as reading, spelling, maths etc. pupils may complete Learning Logs – regular creative projects.

PTA

We are fortunate to have one of the most hard working Parent Teacher Associations around! We always need new members so do please do try to support the PTA— come along to a meeting and see what it's like! If you can't make the meetings we would appreciate your help at events.

Snack

Nursery and Reception are provided with a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day. KS1 and KS2 are encouraged to bring a healthy snack for morning break and are provided with a free water bottle for during the day, as staying hydrated is important for learning and health. Please do not bring expensive water bottles from home; replacements can be bought from the office (20p). Milk is free for Nursery and Reception and can be purchased termly by children in KS1 and KS2.

Car Parking

In the interests of pupil safety, Parents should not use the staff car park at any time during the morning for dropping at Fox Club, or school. It may be used after 4.30pm in the afternoon. When you are parking **near** school, please do so with care and consideration for pedestrians and other road users.

Information

We aim to keep you well informed about events in school. Our Foxhill Newsletters are emailed regularly. A copy is also available in the main entrance and on our website (www.foxhill.bradford.sch.uk). We also contact parents via our texting system, telephone and email. We also have lots of information available on the various notice boards around school. Please don't hesitate to let Mrs Hey know if you need any information or would like to make any suggestions. We have a Parents' Evening each term and written reports are sent home in the summer term. Parents are welcome under our 'Open Door' policy to come into school at any time to see Mrs Hey or make an appointment to see the class teacher.

Dinner Money

Dinner money should be paid via Parent Pay or Cash or Cheque direct to the school office. We cannot accept responsibility for lost payments entering school via children's book bags. You can also use our 'Post boxes' which are located in the main school entrance. Cheques should be made payable to Foxhill Primary School with your child's name/class written on the back. Meals are freshly cooked and cost £1.85 per day. Please contact the school office if you think you may be entitled. Or go to https://online.bradford.gov.uk/ufs/FREE_SCHOOL_MEALS.

Clubs & Extended Services

Details of our wide range of extra-curricular Activities are sent home each term. We are very fortunate to have a committed team of staff who give their time to offer additional opportunities for children. We always try to ensure that as many children as possible get a chance to be part of a club they wish to join during the school year. Parents will be contacted as soon as possible by text if we need to cancel an activity.

Uniform

We are very proud of how smart our pupils look at school, thank you for supporting our uniform policy. All uniform is available via our Tesco online shop. **Please name all items.** Pupils should wear sensible outdoor shoes, not trainers for school. Our policy does include that children should not have 'extreme' haircuts (including shaved patterns or designs) for school as these can cause significant distraction for pupils. Jewellery, other than plain stud earrings, should not be worn and pupils should not wear make-up, including nail varnish, for school. Book Bags (KS1), Rucksacks(KS2) and Pumpbags are available from the school office or our online Tesco Shop. All children in KS2 need an outdoor as well as an indoor PE kit.

Mobile phones are not permitted in school however if any child in Y6 walks home alone and parents feel they need to carry a phone, It must be switched off and handed into FoxClub or the school office. They can be collected at 3pm

Swimming

Children in Year 5 have weekly swimming lessons. They are taught by Specialist swimming coaches at Queensbury pool. Swimming lessons are on Wednesday mornings. Children need to be in school a little **earlier (8.35am) on swimming days.**

Music Lessons

Every class starts their day with a 15 minute Kodaly singing session and they also have a weekly music lesson taught by a specialist teacher. In addition children in Year 1 through to Year 6 are offered the opportunity to learn to play individual instruments. Places are limited with costs being kept to a minimum. Children in both KS1 and KS2 are invited to join our school choirs.

Out of School Care

Our Fox Club provides high quality care for our children, before school, after school and in the holidays. Fox Club also provides 'Wrap Around' care for our Nursery. We have a purpose built facility on site. Please contact our Fox Club staff direct on 07526347304 if you require more information.

School Closure

In the unlikely event of an unplanned school closure, before the start of school, we would send a text and email to all families and announce it on the school website, The PULSE and BBC Radio Leeds. Once open, if the weather turns (e.g. heavy snow), we will contact parents via our text service and ask them to collect their children as soon as possible.



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Contacting School

There is usually someone available to take phone calls between 7.30am and 6pm. The school number is: 01274 882426. We use a text service to contact parents so it is important you let us know if you change your mobile number. Alternatively you can email us at office@foxhill.bradford.sch.uk.

Absence

Please let us know if your child is going to be absent from school, via a phone call or e-mail on the first day of any unplanned absence. It is important that we know your child is safe and also that we have a reason for absence for our records.

Holidays — Please avoid taking your child out of school during term time. Research shows that it can have a significant impact on a child's learning and, however hard the teachers try to cover missed work; it is not possible to cover everything. We do not give children work to do on holidays as they need the teaching input before undertaking work on their own. Legislation now makes it very clear that Headteachers **may not grant any leave of absence during term time without exceptional circumstances**. The children are rewarded for good attendance in school and receive prizes throughout the year. The local authority may choose to fine parents for unauthorised absence of 5 days or more.

Health

It is inevitable that children will become ill from time to time. Please do not send your child to school if he/she is unwell. Children do not learn well if they are under the weather and illnesses can quickly spread. It is vital that children do not return to school until 48 hours after they were last sick or had diarrhoea. Also please check your child's hair for head lice every week – advice is available from pharmacists.

Our school nurse holds 'drop in' sessions in school on a regular basis please check the website for dates/times or check the screen in the main entrance.