



Love for God, each other, our learning and the world.

St Francis Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Information about School Year 2024/2025

We are pleased to announce that the school will re-open for children on **Tuesday, 3rd September**.

- **Gates open** at 8:40 am
- **Learning starts** at 8:50 am

Uniform Expectations

Pupils should wear their uniform with pride. We ask that you encourage them to look smart and adhere to the school expectations. A smart, correct uniform helps to create the identity of St. Francis School as a place where children can achieve their best. For pupils moving to secondary school imminently, forming good habits in primary school is important. There is plenty of good quality uniform with logos available from the regular second-hand uniform stalls run by the PTA.

Daily School Uniform:

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirts, or pinafores
- White or navy polo shirt (logo versions can be bought at School Trends - [online shop](#) or Famous Branches - school wear shop in Swindon)
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan with the school logo (helpful for trips and events to have at least one jumper with logo.)
- Grey or navy tights, grey or navy socks, or white socks
- Black or navy shoes that support your child's feet (black trainers are for PE days)

PE Kit:

- Royal blue sweatshirts (no hoods)
- House T-shirt (no buttons)
- Dark shorts and joggers
- Dark trainers

Additional Requirements:

- Wellies for OPAL playtimes
- No makeup allowed, including nail varnish
- Water only in water bottles
- Healthy snack, preferably fruit for playtime – (EYFS and KS1 have free fruit and vegetables)

Labelling Personal Items

Every item your child brings or wears to school **MUST BE NAMED**. Stamps for labelling are available for less than £7 online, and iron or stick-on labels can also be easily found. Using a surname allows you to use the same stamp/label for multiple children in your family.

Ordering Uniforms and Lunches

To ensure your child has everything they need for the start of the school year, please:

- Order any new uniform items as soon as possible, as orders placed in August are often delayed.
- Make sure you have ordered your child's school lunch (even if lunch is free) for the first week back by **Friday, 30th August**

Cloakroom Space



We have limited cloakroom space, so we ask that all lunch boxes and school bags are small. If a bag is too big, we may need to request a different one to accommodate the space available.

Bike Safety

If your child rides their bike to school and you wish for it to be parked on school grounds, we request that your child wears a helmet. These can be stored in their classrooms.

Jewellery and Electronics

For safety, please ensure:

- No jewellery except watches and stud earrings (these need to be removed for PE lessons or covered with tape from home).
- Hair shoulder length or longer must be tied up.
- No smart-type watches that can connect to the internet or take photographs.
- Children do not need phones in school unless they are walking home alone. In such cases, all phones must be handed in to class teachers for safe storage. Please ensure you have completed the **Walking to and from School Unaccompanied by an Adult** form on PA Connect. This needs to be completed each September.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping to ensure everyone follows our school expectations and routines. Please be aware that school is closed for staff training on 2nd September, 25th October and 13th November.

We look forward to a happy and healthy start to the new academic year.

Kind regards

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