



# Gorsemoor Primary School

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## Welcome to Year 2!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! The children have had a great year in Year 1 and Year 2 is an excellent opportunity to build on the progress they have made. We are very excited about getting to know your children and for all of the lovely things we have planned for the year ahead.

As we begin to prepare for the new school year, we would like to let you know some further information before the children return to school in September. Please bear in mind that this information is true at the moment, but there will be regular updates.

The following staff will be working with the children throughout Year 2:

Mrs. Costello



Miss Deeming



Miss Dudek



Miss Ledo



Mrs. Lloyd



Mrs. Ledo



Miss Webb



The children can now come into school from 8:45, and they will continue to come into school through the main Key Stage 1 door by Mrs. Costello's classroom (Mrs. Lees' old classroom).

### **Lunchtime**

Lunchtime will be from 12:15pm to 1:15pm. All Year 2 children are entitled to universal free school meals, which means that parents do not have to pay. It is important however, to stress that if you are eligible for Free School Meals, please let our office know as we are able to access additional funding for the children. This can be used to provide your child with additional support and may entitle you with support towards the cost of school trips.

### **P.E.**

All 3 classes will have indoor P.E. on a Tuesday morning and their outdoor games session will be on a Friday morning. For their kit, the children will need a plain white T-shirt (which can have the school logo on) and a pair of black or burgundy shorts. They will also need a plain dark tracksuit for their outdoor sessions. Trainers will also be needed.

If possible, please include a carrier bag for when the weather turns as the children's trainers can get quite muddy. For children with long hair, we also recommend including a spare bobble to tie their hair back with. Girls may also need a spare pair of socks in case they wear tights on P.E. day. We kindly ask that all kit and uniform are clearly name labelled and that the P.E. kits stay in school during term time. We will ensure that the children bring their kits home at the end of each half term so that it can be washed.

### **Pencil cases**

We do allow the children to bring their own pencil cases to school. However, we would appreciate you taking the time to ensure that all the equipment that is in your child's pencil case is clearly labelled with their name as some items will get misplaced. This will ensure we can get them back to the rightful owner. We will provide the children with a pencil and when they earn their pen license, we will give them a handwriting pen. However, there is some other equipment that would be very helpful for your child to have. These items are:

- 1 glue stick
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 30cm transparent ruler
- Coloured pencils
- Felt tip pens
- 1 spare pencil
- 1 whiteboard pen

### **Water bottles and tuck**

Your child will be encouraged to bring a water bottle to school, which they will have access to at all times. This must be filled with plain still water, as squash and flavoured water encourage pests such as ants. Spillages also cause sticky tables and books and we are also aware that tooth decay is a growing problem in children. The children are also encouraged to bring a healthy snack for morning break time. They can still purchase toast (20p per slice) and milk (20p per carton) for break times. Please be aware that these prices may change throughout the academic year. The children will also have an afternoon break where they will be given free fruit.

### **Summer homework**

It would be really beneficial if your child could practise writing their name during the summer holiday. We also recommend that they continue to read as this plays a big part of your child's learning in Year 2.

### **Class Dojo**

Following the success of Class Dojo last year, we will continue to use the program to communicate with parents/guardians. Messages about whole class items such as homework and school trips will be placed on the class story, whilst private messages about individual children will be sent only to respective parents/guardians.

In September, we will arrange a date for a parent meeting about Year 2 SATs and the expectations for the end of the year.

We hope that you find this information helpful, yet if you do have further questions please do not hesitate to come and speak to us

We wish you a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kind Regards,

The Year 2 team