



Earl Sterndale C of E Primary School

Parents' Handbook

Making Good Decisions Together



At Earl Sterndale C of E Primary School, we work together to provide every child with rich opportunities that help them develop the skills, knowledge and wisdom needed to make good decisions. These decisions include keeping safe, learning, behaving responsibly, showing respect for others and building independence and resilience, as well as understanding their place in the community. We also strive to make the most of our stunning surroundings by offering high-quality outdoor learning experiences.

This booklet contains useful information about our school. Please note that details may be subject to change as the year progresses so always check the calendar on our website, Class Dojo and school newsletters, for the most up to date information.

Our Staff



Mrs Humpleby
Headteacher, SENCO, Class 1
Teacher and Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Clayton
Class 1 Teacher and Deputy
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Cross
Class 2 Teacher



Miss Cartwright
Teaching Assistant and Midday
Supervisor



Mrs Critchlow
Teaching Assistant



Miss Burton
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Stainer
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Hicks
School Business Assistant



Janie
School Cook

Our contact details:

Teachers cannot respond immediately to any emails.
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The School Office can be contacted on info@earlsterndale.derbyshire.sch.uk

Mr Paul Swindell is our Chair of Governors. He can be contacted on
p.swindell@earlsterndale.derbyshire.sch.uk

Staff Working Pattern

Teachers

Mrs Humpleby Full time

Mrs Cross Full time

Mrs Clayton Wed-Friday

Teaching Assistants

Ms Burton Full time

Ms Cartwright Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Mrs Stainer daily (hours vary)

Mrs Critchlow Monday-Thursday

Our school caretaker is Derek Savage. He works in school every afternoon.

Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club is run by Ms Burton and Ms Cartwright/Critchlow from 8.20am daily

After-School Club is run by Ms Burton

Please email clubs@earlsterndale.derbyshire.sch.uk to reserve your child's place for the following week



Volunteering in School

We have a number of volunteers in school (parents, grandparents and local village residents) and they help out in a number of ways, from teaching piano to hearing readers. If you would like to get involved on a regular basis, please get in touch and we will have the perfect job for you!

The School Day

The playground opens at 8.50am, at which point children can be left to be supervised by school staff. Children enter the school building from gam, when we aim to start lessons promptly and will secure the doors.

The day finishes at 3.30pm and we will ensure that children are handed over to parents who need to wait on the playground. Class 1 are handed over to their parents at the black gate.

Class 2 parents can wait on the playground and their child will be sent to them.

The area outside school can be busy at these times and is not a safe place for children to be unsupervised. If you wish your child to walk home unaccompanied, please let school know and we will ensure they are safely on their way.



Timetable

In Class 1 children have a Phonics, English and Maths session every morning. In the afternoon they cover all the other National Curriculum subjects, as well as Group Reading Practise and handwriting teaching. Reception pupils also access our Continuous Provision, supported by staff.



In Class 2 the timetable is similar, though most children will no longer be learning Phonics. Instead they focus on Spelling and grammar within their English lessons.

Each week, our *WOW Wednesday* afternoons provide children with opportunities to learn from specialist partner providers alongside our school staff. These currently include Peak Active Sport, Duolingo and Re;Bound Dance Collective.

Fundraising Committee

We have a small and dedicated group of parents who work with us to organise events, and raise money to support our pupils' school experience. If you would like to be involved, please keep an eye out for upcoming meetings or get in touch. All are welcome.

Clubs

At times we will be able to offer blocks of provider-led Clubs including Dance and Multisports. Please keep an eye out for updates as these are offered dependent on take-up.

Working together

As children start our school we ask parents to sign a Home-School Agreement which sets out our expectation of parents and pupils, and also expectations that parents may have of staff and governors. We also ask parents to sign a permission form which is an important part of our data protection formalities.

How can parents help their children be successful learners?

The role of parents is crucial to the success of pupils and we hope that parents will...

- Check bags DAILY for letters and information from school.
- Make sure you are up to date with school letters and events and that your child has everything they need each day. Please don't leave this entirely to your child as they will be upset at school if they are ill-prepared.
- Listen to your child read and practise spellings and times tables regularly.
- Talk to your child about their learning and encourage them to find out more.

We ask that you do not post any pictures of school activities or pupils at school on social media sites without the permission of their parents. We will not publish the names of children on our website without express permission of both pupils and their parents.



Uniform

At our school we have an active uniform to support our commitment to outdoor learning and physical activity throughout the school day. This uniform allows children to be comfortably active at any time, and also removes the requirement for families to purchase a separate PE kit.

The active uniform consists of:

- Royal blue polo shirt with embroidered badge
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with embroidered badge
- Black leggings or joggers
- Black shoes or trainers that are suitable for physical activity (ideally leather/water resistant). Please also send wellies when the weather is wet.

Children wear this uniform every day. It replaces the need for separate PE kit in most cases, although additional clothing may still be required for specific activities or weather conditions.

Embroidered uniform can be purchased from www.schooltrends.co.uk.

All children need a bottle with fresh WATER each day. We do not allow children to bring in juice unless agreed with a member of staff.

Jewellery, Make-up, and Other Items

In line with Derbyshire County Council (DCC) advice, the wearing of personal jewellery in school is not permitted for reasons of health and safety, security and the potential to distract. This includes bracelets, necklaces, rings, and all body piercings. Children are permitted to wear earrings, provided they are small studs with safety backs. On days when PE lessons will take place, earrings should ideally be removed at home before school. Staff are neither expected nor permitted to remove any jewellery worn by pupils.

All clothing must be clearly named.

On snowy /icy days children will only be allowed outside if they have a coat, change of footwear and something to cover their legs.



Safeguarding

The staff and everyone at Earl Sterndale School abide by strict guidelines on safeguarding – all our policies are on our website. If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child, please come and speak to Mrs Humpleby our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Clayton (Deputy DSL) or Mrs Lucy Thompson, our Safeguarding Governor. Alternatively, you can contact Call Derbyshire **01629 533190**.