



2018-2019



Yardley Wood Community Primary School
“Learning Through Life”

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Welcome to Yardley Wood Community Primary School. The school has seen significant improvements over recent years and we are striving to raise standards for the children in our community. The school’s ethos continues to emphasise academic standards, strong values and an enriched, creative and challenging curriculum that all children enjoy. When parents, pupils, staff and visitors enter our school, we leave prejudice and inequality at the door and celebrate the difference we can make and our achievements - together.

Yardley Wood Community Primary School’s badge bears the motto ‘Learning Through Life,’ reflecting both our vision to produce independent life-long learners, and our practical approach to a broad, balanced and meaningful curriculum. A dedicated staff, in partnership with parents, governors and the wider community, keep the school moving forward and aiming high. All this is offered in a bright, spacious building which provides an exciting learning environment, with much to offer.

I urge all parents who are looking for a great school for their children to come in and visit us. Our class blogs and twitter feeds on the school website can give you a good idea of what we’re all about.

Ben Turner

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Chair of Governors: Mr Roger McFadden



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Vision and Values

Our shared School Vision at Yardley Wood Community Primary School is:

To provide a safe, welcoming and dynamic school community, built on positive relationships, where the value and potential of everyone is recognised and where the opportunities to explore, develop and un-lock these are not missed. We have a shared vision for our school where everyone is valued, everyone is a learner and everyone is a teacher, in a place of safety where every person wants and provides the best for others and where we are building the skills, attributes and character for a future yet unknown.

' Our shared YWCPS Values:

- We value everyone as an individual and seek to develop their capability, confidence and self-esteem.
- We value positive, constructive relationships
- We value and welcome all, irrespective of gender, race, beliefs, social background or abilities – we don't 'tolerate' – we celebrate. Nobody is an outsider.
- We value honesty, integrity, truthfulness and compassion.
- We value courage, resilience and the empowerment of others.
- We value personal endeavour and success and we value the power of teamwork.
- We value positive behaviour and we value reflection, forgiveness and restorative behaviour when people make mistakes.
- We value good manners, kind words and positive action
- We value cooperation, collaboration and community-spirit
- We value personal accountability and we value social responsibility
- We value creativity, taking risks, thinking differently and the freedom to explore and question everything
- We value peace, we value love and we value understanding.
- We value safeguarding
- We value kindness.
- We value our children and we value each other.

"It's not enough to be kind. One should be kinder than needed..... we carry with us, as human beings, not just the capacity to be kind, but the very choice of kindness..... If every single person made it a rule that wherever you are, whenever you can, you will try to act a little kinder than is necessary - the world really would be a better place."

R.J Palacio ~ Wonder



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The School Day

Nursery and Reception times:	8.55am - 3.20pm
Key Stage 1:	8.55am - 3.25pm
Key Stage 2:	8.55am - 3.30pm

The doors open at 8.45am until 8.55am. Class teachers are available on the school playground to welcome parents and children and share any important information a parent may have for the class teacher.

We expect all children to arrive at school on time. Punctuality is valued as a good habit, both for school and in the wider world of work. Arriving late is unsettling for your child and disruptive for their class.

Poor punctuality can lead to your child...

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

We do run a breakfast club from 8.00am for those parents who may require an earlier start. The cost of this is £3.00 per day for the first child and £2.00 per day for any siblings thereafter.

There is a 15 minute playtime break in the morning between 10.40am and 10.55am but no break in the afternoon - this is given if necessary. An average of 4 hours 45 minutes will be spent each day on lessons.

We also urge parents to collect their child/children on time at the end of the school day

Your child should be brought to school and collected by an adult. For safety reasons, we need to know who this will be. If there is any change in the routine, please let a member of staff know.

Parents should be aware there is no official supervision for play in the playground or football area before school begins or after school ends.



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School Uniform

We encourage all children to wear school uniform of a blue top (sweatshirts, jumpers or cardigans) with grey or black bottoms. During hot weather children may wear shorts, t-shirts, summer dresses, skirts or trousers in blue/ white/black.

Sweatshirts and t-shirts with the school badge and matching jogging bottoms are available from local suppliers and through mail order, at a reasonable price. Please ask at the School Office for details. Non-branded, plain jumpers and sweatshirts in the school colour are more reasonably priced and available from all major supermarkets. For safety reasons, children should wear flat sensible footwear. If trainers are worn they must be laced up and tied in the correct manner. We request that footwear is black and closed toe.

We ask that all uniform is labelled with the child’s name. This particularly applies to outdoor clothes and PE kit which are often mislaid by children. Watches should also have a name or initials marked on them for identification.





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Clothing for PE

At Yardley Wood Community Primary School, Physical Education plays a very important role in the curriculum and the overall wellbeing of the pupils. Children are encouraged to become independent learners and have all essential items for this lesson. For health, safety and hygiene our pupils must wear the correct PE Uniform during regular PE classes and will be provided with a kit for competitions (although trainers must be brought in from home). We would strongly suggest that pupils keep their PE kit in school from a Monday to Friday so it is always available just in case changes to the timetable are made.

Required items:	Description:
Bottoms:	
Shorts	Plain black or Navy Blue (as seen in photos)
Tracksuit bottoms	Plain Black
Leggings	Plain Black
Tops:	
T-Shirt	Plain White or Blue (as seen in photos)
Hoodie or Sweatshirt	Plain black or Navy Blue (as seen in Photo)
Footwear:	
Trainers	Recommended Outdoor use only
Pumps	Recommended for indoor use only



Yardley Wood’s own PE kit:

If you wish to purchase one of Yardley Wood’s own PE kits please contact the office or Mr Elvins (PE lead). Please note that this is optional and alternatives options can be used as listed above. These PE kits are also subject to termly orders so the estimated waiting time is approximately 3weeks.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to speak to Mr Elvins or the office staff who will be more than happy to help.





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School meals

Dinner money should be paid on the first day of the school week and is currently £2.30 per day. Please bring this in an envelope with the child's name and class clearly marked on it.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a Universal Free School meal. However, if you are in receipt of certain benefits, school may be able to access some additional funding, so please still complete the free school meals application form. These may be obtained from the School Office.

School meals are cooked on site. We request that parents notify school of any dietary requirements or allergies so that we can ensure your child has their needs met. If you wish to change your child's meal arrangements, please give one week's notice to the office.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2018

Term Starts: Monday 3 September 2018

Half Term: Monday 29 October 2018 to Friday 2 November 2018

Term Ends: Friday 21 December 2018.

Spring Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 7 January 2019

Half Term: Monday 18 February 2019 to Friday 22 February 2019

Term Ends: Friday 12 April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 29 April 2019

Half Term: Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019

Term Ends: Monday 22 July 2019



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Other Documents

The following documents are posted on the school website www.ydlywood.bham.sch.uk and are available in school for parents to see upon request:

School Policies

Current Curriculum

The OFSTED Report

Recent national assessment information (A report comparing our End of Key stage test results with National results and other similar schools)

Recent newsletters

Information about SEND

Pupil premium information

Admissions information

Parent Code of Conduct