

*Our vision: Creative learning, personal achievement and happiness.
Enabling everyone to flourish and to live life in all its fullness.*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a brief overview letter explaining what to expect as your child begins Nursery.

School bag

Each child is gifted a Shankhill School red book bag on their first day. Please ensure your child brings this book bag to school **every** day. This is very important as children use their book bags every day to bring home library books, important information letters and creative work. **Parents, please check inside the bag each day** for information and letters from school.

Each week your child will pick a **library book** from school to take home. This is a book that they will not be able to read alone and is one for sharing with adults at home. Your child can keep this book for the week and return it the following week where they will get a chance to swap it for another library book.

Also to be kept inside the book bag is your child's **Home & School Diary**. Please use this to share messages of how your child engaged with the book (likes, dislikes, fun, etc.) and sign it at least once a week.

School uniform

Children should have:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- Blue polo shirt with school logo
- Black or grey trousers or skirt – something they can remove easily for independent toileting.
- Red or blue check summer dress (Summer term)
- Black sensible shoes, including smart black trainers
- A warm waterproof coat with a hood (this can be kept on their school peg).

Please ensure children have black shoes that they are able to take off and put on themselves (Velcro shoes are ideal or bungee shoe ties). Children are not allowed to wear accessories or earrings.

Please label all your child's uniform with their name.

Spare Clothes

Please provide a spare change of clothes in your child's book bag in case of any incidents.

Drop off and pick up

The school gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.50am. Please ensure that you arrive on time. We encourage our Nursery children to be as *independent as possible* and to say goodbye to parents at the gate then walk down and into the classroom by themselves to put their belongings away independently. If you are late and the gate is locked please ring the buzzer and someone will come out to let your child in and the staff member will take your child into school. Unfortunately staff are not available to speak to once the gate is closed as teaching and learning begins at 8:50am sharp.

Class 1 children are collected from the gate after morning nursery at 12pm, or after lunch at 1pm or from the class door at 3.30pm for a full day. If there are any changes to the usual attendance or home time routine, please inform a

*"A good school...the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might be **outstanding** if a graded inspection were carried out now...Pupils flourish at this welcoming and ambitious school...pupils are particularly impressive, knowledgeable... Pupils follow a very well thought-out curriculum which helps them to achieve highly...behaviour is exemplary... Pupils' enjoyment of learning is a key factor in their high attendance at school...The school's ambition for all pupils to thrive helps pupils to achieve exceptionally well... a highly effective curriculum. The school is meticulous in its approach to meet the needs of pupils in its mixed-age classes...Staff are experts...This helps pupils to master knowledge and skills which they seamlessly apply." Ofsted 2024*

Christian values ensure positive relationships across the wider community and effective collaborative partnerships are built on mutual trust. SIAMs Dec 2022

Staff "strive to ensure that pupils are happy, while making education fun and enjoyable." Parent View

"I love coming to school with my friends and enjoy learning and the experiences we have." Pupil View



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member of staff directly, and in plenty of time – a voicemail or email may not always be picked up before 3:20pm due to staff teaching.

Water bottle

All children are given a school water bottle which is kept in school, cleaned each night and filled up with fresh water every morning. Children are encouraged to drink from their water bottles throughout the day to build healthy habits.

School lunches and snacks

All children will be provided with a free snack each day at school. If your child has any allergies that the school does not already know about please be sure to inform your child's key worker. Nursery are welcome to stay for lunch at a cost of £2.70 per meal which includes childcare and a play session before being collected at 1pm from the main gate. **Shankhill is unique as we have a bespoke meal ordering system** where you can choose exactly what your child will eat on their two week menu, meaning you know your child will eat food they enjoy and be happy.

If you would like to update your child's menu choices, please use the link below and complete by Monday 8 September. Otherwise the current choices will continue for this academic year, unless you request a review.

<https://forms.gle/ghGj9dDDntTui14B8>

Tapestry

Tapestry is an app that we use in school to communicate and share learning with you. Any observations taken of your child will be shared with you via this app, and we encourage parents and carers to share children's activities at home with us via this app too. We will also share learning experiences, any school events and urgent information via this app so please ensure you check this regularly.

Class/school events and special learning experiences

Any class or school events will be shared with parents through [SWAY newsletter](#) and **Tapestry** and events are all published on the [school calendar](#) which can be accessed through the school website. We plan in advance to provide as much notice as possible. However, some opportunities arise or changes beyond our control can happen at short notice. On such occasions, we will inform you directly via email, SWAY and/or Tapestry with as much notice as possible.

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

We offer wrap around care for all ages of our pupils, although we are aware that the longer days are more challenging for our younger pupils.

Breakfast Club runs from 7:45am until 8:45am when school starts. We provide a nutritious breakfast and drinks, along with safe and appropriate childcare. Each session costs £4.00 per child. These sessions can be included within the 30 hours free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds.

We offer a range of different fun activities throughout the year at our after school extra-curricular clubs: some clubs are sporty, some are arty and some are messy! Others can be a right performance! Clubs run 3:30 – 4:30pm Monday to Thursday, and until 4pm on Friday. Costs vary depending on the club with pricing based around £2/hr which is extremely good value for money. Please use the link below to book places. There is now a **Stay Late and Play Club** running until 5:30pm for those who require additional wrap around care.

Bookings are made through the school office via a google form where you can book for the half term. Payments are made in advance. We accept one-off bookings if made before 3:30pm the day before. Emergency bookings might be possible by ringing school or emailing head@shankhill.cumbria.sch.uk

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We are so excited to welcome you in September.

Yours Sincerely,

The Class 1 Team

Teachers: Mrs Hickman and Miss Metcalfe with Senior teaching Assistants: Mrs Elwen and Miss Powley