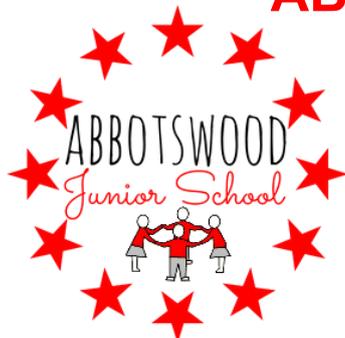


# ABBOTSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## Starting at Abbotswood

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a very successful move up day, we hope your child is excited and feeling ready to start with us in September. As I mentioned at our parent information evening, your children were a credit to you: their polite and respectful nature really made an impression on our teaching team. We are incredibly excited for them to start their Abbotswood journey in September. Below, we have provided some information to support them with this.

### **What time does the school day start?**

At Abbotswood, we have a phased start to our day. The school gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.55am. During this time, our children can enter the site from either our front or back gate before making their way to their classroom and starting their morning activities. We find that this is a highly successful means of settling our children into their school day. However, due to their unfamiliarity with the school site, asking our Year 3 children to do this on their first day would be highly daunting for them.

Therefore, on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**, please bring your child to the **front gate at 9.05am**. The Year 3 teachers will be stood on our front playground ready to welcome them. They will then show the children the route they will normally take to reach their classroom. The children will also be shown the back gate and the corresponding route into Year 3.

On **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**, your child will be able to enter the school site through either the front or back gate from **8.40am** and make their way to their classroom. There will be plenty of adults on hand to ensure they arrive in the right place.

### **What time does the school day finish?**

Our school day finishes at 3.15pm. Parents will be allowed onto our playground just before this time. Your child will be brought out onto the Year 3 playground by their class teacher. For the first few days, our site team will place cones out on the playground for parents and carers to stand behind. This will provide our teachers with the freedom to ensure every child finds their adult.

### **What days will my child need to wear their PE kit?**

Year 3 will have two opportunities to enjoy PE each week. On these days, your child will wear their PE kit all day. Please consult the table below to see when these days will be.

Day	Class
Tuesday	3EH and 3SB
Wednesday	3GE, 3EJ and 3LD
Thursday	All Year 3 classes

Please ensure your child is wearing an appropriate PE kit on their PE days. Below is a guide on what they should and shouldn't be wearing in school:



## I was unable to make the parent information evening – have I missed anything?

On our parent information evening, parents and carers were presented with a welcome pack containing key information applicable to children starting with us in September. It is possible to pick up a pack from our front reception which is manned term time from 8am and 5pm every day.

## Summer Holiday Challenges Booklet

As part of the welcome pack mentioned above, we have provided a Summer Holiday Challenges booklet for your child to complete activities from. These activities are not compulsory but returning the booklet in September with at least 5 activities signed will earn your child a certificate.

## Year 2 – 3 Facebook Group

Reminders will be posted on our dedicated transition Facebook group in the run up to September. If you have not joined already, you can do so by clicking on this link and answering a few security questions: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/y2transition>

We wish all of our Year 3 children and their families a restful and relaxing break over the summer holidays and look forward to seeing them in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mr E Humphries  
Lower School Leader – Year 3 and 4.

