

# Seaburn Dene

## Primary School

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Dear parent/carer,

I hope that you and your family are well and enjoying the last few days of the school holiday. As we approach the start of term, I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to pupils and parents who are new to us - I know you will settle in quickly and enjoy becoming part of our Seaburn Dene Primary family.

### Dates and Times

Term starts for children and families on **Thursday, 5th September.**

Children in Years 1 to 6 start promptly on **5th September at 8.50am** (the gates to the main yard are open from 8.45am) and finish at 3.20pm.

Children in Reception start promptly on **5th September at 8.50am** (the gates to the small yard are open earlier) and finish at 3.20pm.

Children in Nursery (session dependent) start promptly on **5th September at 8.45am** for existing nursery children, **9.15am for new starters** (the gates to the small yard are open earlier) and finish at 11.45am or 2.45pm.

### Personal details

Have you moved house or changed your home/work/mobile numbers? If so, please update the office records with Mrs Baker as soon as possible. As Mrs Baker tends to end up with lost property. I must ask on her behalf that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's names.

### Communication

We try to avoid sending home paper copies of letters - instead we use Class Dojo to communicate. We use the app to inform parents of any important information, letters, dates, events. In addition, the school website:

[www.seaburndeneprimary.co.uk](http://www.seaburndeneprimary.co.uk) - has all this information uploaded too, so that you can keep up to date throughout the year. Class teachers are not expected to respond to Class Dojo messages *outside of normal school hours*.

If you need to ask a question or pass on information, please see our methods of contact:



- Face to face in the playground - please keep any messages to teachers in the morning very short. Mr Howe will usually be available to answer questions and take messages.
- Contact the school office via the email: [admin@seaburndeneprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@seaburndeneprimary.co.uk). Messages to staff can be passed on from there.
- Call the school office on 0191 5634100.
- Make an appointment - please contact the office if you wish to have a longer appointment with your child's teacher.

### **Medical**

If your child has an allergy or new medical condition of any type, please inform your class teacher and/or Mrs Baker in the school office - so that we can update our records. Seaburn Dene is a "Nut Free School" and we ask that you are vigilant that items sent in for a healthy snack and packed lunches do not contain nuts. Please note: sweets/chocolate should not be sent in with a child's packed lunch.

### **School Uniform**

As the start of term approaches, I'd like to remind parents of some important school uniform rules.

- All school shoes for boys and girls should be plain black.
- Grey trousers, pinafore or skirt must be worn. Shirts/blouses must be plain white. White polo shirts may be worn in Nursery.
- PE kit - see below.
- Only the school tie can be purchased from the school office. (clip-on £4.50, elasticated £3.50.)

### **Physical Education**

Each class has two timetabled PE sessions across the week. On their timetabled PE day, children must come into school wearing a PE kit (white/blue plain t-shirt, black/blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms/leggings, plain blue hoodie/quarter zip top.) Your class teacher will inform you of these days.

Total Sport North East supply our branded PE kit: <https://totalsport.co.uk/collections/seaburn-dene>, which ranges from £4.75 for a tee shirt to £14.75 for ¼ zip top. Please note, PE kit does not need to be branded. Football strips, other coloured tops are not part of our uniform for PE.

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

Breakfast Club and After School Club are managed by the school, opening at 7.45am and closing at 5.30pm. Children dropped off before school are taken to their respective yards by staff at 8.45am (where they are supervised with the rest of the school by teaching staff) and in the afternoons children registered for Tea Club are collected from their classrooms or after school clubs.

Whether you need to book daily sessions or a one-off session, contact Mrs Baker in the school office for information. Cost £4 for the first hour and £2 for every half hour after this.

### **Things to remember**

- Children will need a water bottle every day. Please make sure they come in with a coat each day due to the usual changeable weather.
- Long hair which reaches the shoulders needs to be tied back in school.
- Jewellery should not be worn, with the exception of a wrist watch and stud style earrings.
- For further information as to whether you may qualify for free school meals, please visit <https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/21204/Free-School-Meals>



- Mobile phones/walking home unaccompanied. Children in **Yrs 5 and 6** may bring a mobile phone with them to school, if walking unaccompanied home. Phones must be switched off before coming onto school grounds and handed to a class teacher to store. If you intend for your child to take up this offer then contact the school office/Mrs Baker for a request form. This must be completed before your child brings a phone with them when walking into school.
- Friends of the School - The Friends of Seaburn Dene are a small, but active group of parents who work to support the life of the school as well as raising valuable funds.
- As a school we are aware that unfortunate things can happen over the holidays, that you feel school needs to know about e.g. (bereavement including pets, heightened anxiety, family breakdowns, unfortunate accidents). If there is anything you wish to inform the pastoral team about before your child returns to school at the start of term, please send an email to [admin@seaburndenepriamary.co.uk](mailto:admin@seaburndenepriamary.co.uk) for the attention of the Pastoral team, so we can support your child's transition back to school.

### School Term Dates

School closed	Dates	School reopens
<b>October half-term</b>	28.10.24 - 01.11.24	04.11.24
<b>Inset Day</b>	20.12.24	
<b>Christmas</b>	23.12.24 - 03.01.25	
<b>Inset Day</b>	06.01.25	07.01.25
<b>February half-term</b>	24.02.25 - 28.02.25	
<b>Inset Day</b>	03.03.25	04.03.25
<b>Easter</b>	14.04.25 - 25.04.25	28.04.25
<b>May Day</b>	05.05.25	06.05.25
<b>Summer half-term</b>	26.05.25	02.06.25
<b>Inset Day</b>	20.06.25	23.06.25
<b>Summer holidays</b>	24.07.25	01.09.25

Many thanks,

Mr John Howe  
Headteacher

