



Information for Parents

School Times

School gates open	8:45-9:00		
Registration	9:00 (anyone arriving after this time must sign in at the office)		
Break	10:45-11:00		
Lunch	Reception: 11:50-1:00	KS1/KS2: 12:00-1:00	
End of school	Reception/KS1: 3:10	Year 3/4: 3:15	Year 5/6: 3:20

Please make that you let us know if your child will be collected by someone other than a parent.

Our Vision and Values

Our Vision:

As a community, we are working together to ensure educational excellence underpinned by our Christian ethos and values, enabling all to live a rich and abundant life and to achieve their full potential. Each individual should leave us fully prepared for the next stage of their life. (Reflecting John 10:10)

Jesus said, 'I have come to give life – life in all its fullness.'

Our Values ('The Snarestone Way'):

The 'Snarestone Way' was created in partnership with our pupils and reflects our **core Christian values**. It is a set of five 'child friendly' statements that are posted around school, and are integral to school life.

FRIENDSHIP	I smile and say hello
TRUST	I care and have respect for everyone and everything
ENDURANCE	I work hard and challenge myself
HOPE	I have a positive attitude
WISDOM	I listen and I learn

Character Education

Character education is about recognising, understanding and developing the character traits that make us unique and then using these 'character muscles' to allow us to be the best version of ourselves. At the heart of character education is creating a culture in and out of school where pupils are given every opportunity to rehearse and strengthen their sense of themselves.

We have worked alongside our pupils and staff to create a set of character traits which are displayed in every classroom. Lessons will often have activities to warm the character muscles up and these are referred to constantly.

The character vocabulary that we use with the children builds up as they move through the school:

Character Vocabulary

Words to help us to build our character muscles:

Kingfishers	imagination and creativity	humility	problem-solving	perseverance	integrity
Hérons	self-esteem	empathy	reasoning	confidence	inclusiveness
Swallows	courage and risk-taking	co-operation	listening and communicating	resilience	self-control
Cygnets & Swans	curiosity	kindness	concentration	independence	respect
Our Christian Values	HOPE	FRIENDSHIP	WISDOM	ENDURANCE	TRUST



Absence and Medication

If your child needs medical attention, he/she should usually be kept at home until they are well. Please ensure your child has had 48 hours free from sickness/diarrhoea and has managed to eat something before returning to school.

If your child is well enough to attend school but needs to take medication that has been prescribed by a doctor, staff may administer medicine (but only once a medication form has been completed and received by school). It must be understood that all staff are acting voluntarily in administering medicines. Please ask at the office if you require a form. Occasionally we are asked to supervise the self-administration of un-prescribed medicines (e.g. Calpol, anti-histamine) and children should, where possible, administer this themselves. This needs to be given to the office and a form completed.

Please always remember to call the office, or email if before 8:45am, if your child won't be attending school due to illness.

School Meal Information

School lunches this year will cost £2.35 per day for children in Years 3-6. Payment for school lunches can be made via the online payment service, www.schoolmoney.co.uk. Payments can be made weekly, monthly, termly or for the whole school year, and this money will be held in your child's account. Please make sure that your children know if they are having a packed lunch or school dinner.

Rewards and Behaviour Policy

We have a whole-school, consistent approach to dealing with behaviour.

Every classroom has a 'Steps to Success' ladder prominently displayed. Each morning, every child's name begins on 'Green' and, as the day progresses, they move up and down the ladder depending on their work, behaviour and attitude.

As they go up the ladder, they collect house point tokens; as they go down the ladder, sanctions come into operation (these will vary depending on the age of the pupil):

- **STAGE 1 - verbal warning**
- **STAGE 2 - name moved to YELLOW**
- **STAGE 3 - time out of class or missed break (recorded in Pupil Log); name moved to ORANGE**
- **STAGE 4 – sent to Headteacher and parents contacted; name moved to RED**

Depending on the behaviour, children could go straight to Stages 2, 3 or 4.

Individual children are rewarded with stickers and stamps daily in their classes. House point tokens are also issued for a wide range of achievements - including academic, sporting, social, friendship and behaviour - and these feed into the House Points system which is celebrated half-termly.

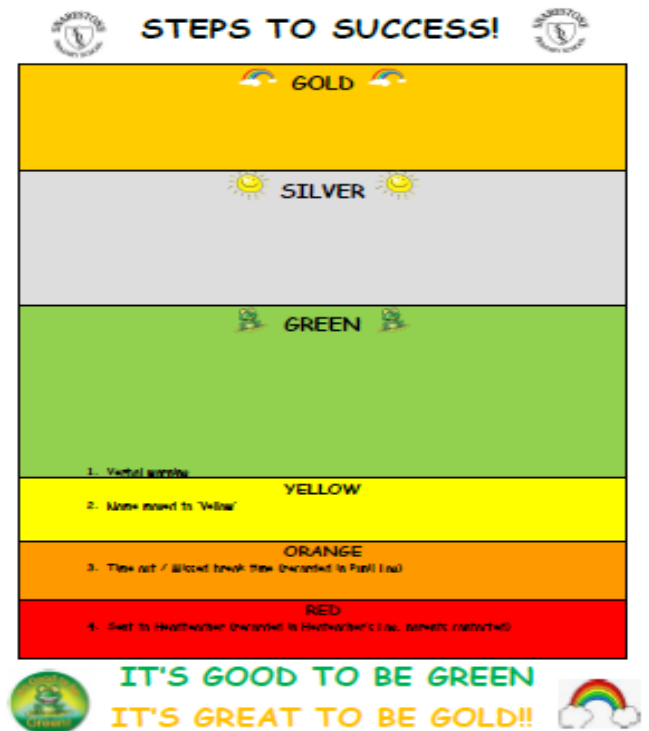
Headteacher Gold Stars recognise exceptional achievement, and VIP (Very Important Pupil) Awards are celebrated during fortnightly Celebration Assemblies. Classes may adopt their own reward system, which can lead to the reward of Golden Time. This approach encourages a positive atmosphere as adults and children recognise and celebrate the good behaviour of individuals, groups and whole classes. The encouragement of good behaviour, self discipline and the care of our school and those in it is a constant aspiration of those who learn and work at Snarestone CofE (A) Primary School.

Children who consistently demonstrate 'The Snarestone Way' in all aspects of school life will receive a Pride Award pin badge and will be added to the school's Roll of Honour.

Healthy Schools

We have the 'healthy Schools' status, so we encourage children to:

1. Bring their own water bottle which
 - ✓ Should be taken home at night for washing and refilling with water;
 - ✓ Should be different and in addition to their lunchtime snack;
 - ✓ Should be clearly labelled with a non-spill top.



Have a healthy snack such as fruit and vegetables (e.g. apple slices, carrot sticks, sugar snap peas etc.), healthy grains (e.g. crackers, rice cakes, healthy cereal bars, granola) or low-fat dairy (e.g. low-fat cheese or yogurt). Children should not have sweets, crisps, biscuits etc. for a break time snack.

Nuts

This year we have pupils who are allergic to nuts; therefore a 'No Nut Policy' is in place. We ask that nuts or products containing nuts, including all chocolate spreads, are not brought onto the premises. The school acknowledges that, due to complex food processes, it is impractical to entirely eliminate nut products from an environment where food is present. Our school dinner provider operates a strict No Nut Policy in all their food production kitchens.

Hair and Head Lice

All children are expected to wear their hair sensibly and neatly. Long hair should be tied back.

Head lice are a problem in all schools and can affect a child, however clean the hair is. Children's hair should be checked regularly. Current advice is to avoid lotions. Simply comb eggs out of the hair with lots of conditioners and a nit comb. This must be repeated 2/3 times per week for several weeks to be effective. Everyone in the household must also use conditioner and comb.

To reduce risk:

- ✓ Tie back hair at school
- ✓ Check your child's hair regularly
- ✓ If your child gets head lice, treat all the family
- ✓ Encourage children to keep their head's apart
- ✓ Inform school so we can let parents know by the end of the day

School Uniform

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Does not discriminate based on gender, race, disability, sexual orientation or belief
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents and carers
- Has been designed with health and safety in mind.

All children (Reception to Year 6) need:

- Navy Snarestone sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece
- Light blue polo t-shirt (logo optional)
- Grey/Black school trousers/skirt/pinafore dress
- Black, Grey or white socks/tights with flat, black sensible school shoes
- During summer months, pupils may wear a blue gingham dress or black/grey shorts

- During winter months, pupils may wear wellington boots to school but these **MUST** be stored in a bag and indoor shoes be worn whilst inside the building.
- Optional navy Snarestone zip fleece and shower-proof jacket

For PE all children (Reception to Year 6) need:

- T-shirt in the colour of their house team
- Navy/black PE shorts or navy/black tracksuit bottoms
- Plimsolls/trainers
- Navy sweatshirt
- Gym bag to keep PE kit in

PE kit should be worn for after school sporting clubs. All PE kits should be free from any logo or brand name, apart from school logo.

It would be helpful if PE bags were not too big and bulky as large rucksacks take up a lot of cloakroom space.

Please see our school website for further information on school uniform, including how to order.

Jewellery and Hair Accessories

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school (***in line with county policy we allow watches in KS2, and earrings that are simple studs or hoops***). All headwear needs to be appropriate to school, i.e. hair bands / Alice bands and hair slides are only to be worn where hair needs to be tied back. These items should be in line with school colours.

Footwear

Black school shoes are to be plain with no logos and they should fasten securely across the foot. Black boots are accepted. Plain black leather-look trainers are acceptable, but footwear must be changed for PE. **Heels and trainers should not be worn.** All footwear should, for health and safety reasons, have good grip on the sole.

In colder weather boots are acceptable, but these should fit securely to a child's foot, and for health and safety reasons, should have appropriate grip on the sole.

In warmer weather sandals are acceptable, but again these should fasten securely to the foot and have good grip on the sole.

All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

Swimming and Goggles

Although it is the recommendation of the local authority that children should not wear goggles for school swimming lessons, it is acknowledged that some parents would wish their children to wear goggles. If your child needs to wear goggles, please ask for the appropriate form at the office. Children should be able to put on and adjust their own goggles.

No money, aerosols or talcum powder should be brought to swimming. Trunks, not beach shorts, are needed.

Communication

Other than letters that your children receive, we communicate through:

- ✓ Our school website, www.snarestone.org
- ✓ Half-termly newsletters
- ✓ Twitter @SnarestoneP
- ✓ Facebook
- ✓ Our school app by downloading School Jotter from your app store
- ✓ ClassDojo

Handwriting

We teach our children to write using a cursive style, as soon as they are ready to in Reception:

