

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. 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 **Thursday 3rd September only**, please bring your child to the **front gate between 9.05am and 9.15am**. The Year 3 teachers will be standing 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. Please avoid bringing your children to the gate earlier than 9.05am to avoid congestion for the other year groups.

On **Friday 4th September onwards**, 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
Monday	3EH, 3JP
Tuesday	3SW
Wednesday	3LP, 3ZR
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:



All uniform must be named



What do I need to do to prepare my child for their first day?

On **Thursday 3rd September**, your child will need a named water bottle, a healthy snack, named items of clothing, a named lunch box (if they are not having a hot school meal) and a backpack to transport items to and from school.

How do I order hot lunches for my child?

Prior to their first day, you will need to have downloaded the Arbor App. Placing money on to your Arbor account will then allow your child to order their lunch at the start of each day with their teacher. Discussing each day's dinner choices with your child prior to them coming into school is advised.

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

The information slides that were presented have been posted on our Year 2-3 Facebook Group (see link below). Each adult was also provided with a transition newsletter for their child. If you were unable to pick up a newsletter, you can pick one up by visiting our school office.

Is there anything I need to remember linked to my child's medical needs?

If you have informed the school about specific medications that your child may/will need to take in school, please ensure they are presented to the school office on **Thursday 3rd September**.

When do school-run clubs start?

Applications for school run clubs go live on **Wednesday 2nd September at 7.00am**. Clubs start for Year 3 on **Monday 14th September**.

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>

Further information can also be found in our Welcome Pack which can be accessed by clicking on this link: [Year 2 to 3 Transition](#) before selecting 'Welcome Pack'.

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,

Ed Humphries

Mr E Humphries
Year 3 Leader

