



Orritor Primary School and Nursery Unit

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Orritor Primary School! We hope you had a wonderful and restful summer break filled with fun and memorable experiences. As we embark on a new academic year, we are excited to see our school community come together once again.

To our students, we are thrilled to welcome you back to school! This year promises to be filled with new learning opportunities, exciting activities, and the chance to make new friends. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we are here to support you every step of the way. Remember, every day is a new adventure in learning, and we can't wait to see all the amazing things you will achieve.

To our parents/guardians, thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We value your partnership and look forward to working together to ensure a successful and enriching school year. Our dedicated staff is committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment where your child can thrive. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns; your involvement is key to our collective success.

Please find some information below about the beginning of Term 1. Enjoy the last few days of holidays and we look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Best wishes,

Mr Ian Cheevers
(Principal of Orritor Primary School and Nursery Unit)

Key Dates

Tuesday 27th August 2024

Nursery pupils begin school in their groups. (Click on the link below for more information).

<https://www.orritorps.co.uk/news/nursery-information-for-beginning-of-term-1/>

Wednesday 28th August 2024

Primary 1 pupils begin school in their groups. (Click on the link below for more information).

<https://www.orritorps.co.uk/news/primary-1-information-for-beginning-of-term-1-/>

Thursday 29th August 2024

School begins for pupils in Primary 2 to Primary 7.

Children should be picked up at the times below on Thursday 29th August and Friday 30th August

P2- P3 plus siblings from P4-7 @ 11:45am

P4 - P7 @ 12:00pm

Monday 2nd September 2024

P1 children finish at 12:50 pm.

P2 - P3 pupils stay to 1.50pm and P4-P7 pupils stay to 2.50pm.

School dinners and transport resume.

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

P1 children finish at 12:50 pm.

Wednesday 4th September 2024

P1 children finish at 1:50 pm.

School App

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the school app. If you have yet to download the app, please click on the link below to find information on how to do this. This information can also be found on the school website and Facebook.

<https://www.orritorps.co.uk/news/new-school-app/>

The booking options for the Breakfast Club and school buses will be operational by Tuesday 27th August 2024.

Parents/Guardians will be notified via the school app, website or Facebook.

We are also currently working on providing 'Help Sheets' to give information on how to navigate the app and these will be provided soon.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be operational from Thursday 29th August 2024. Breakfast Club bookings can be made through the school app under the 'Booking Section.' **Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am to 8:45am.**

The cost for Breakfast Club for this year will be **£2 per day**, which provides a healthy snack and drink, supervision and board games for your child.

School Uniform

Orritor Primary School and Nursery Unit is immensely proud of our children, and we are proud to see them in full school uniform, which they should wear every day.

Nursery Pupils – Nursery pupils may wear plain, dark jogging bottoms along with their red school polo shirt and grey school jumper. Trainers may be worn by our Nursery pupils.

P1 - P3 Pupils - Pupils in P1-P3 must wear full school uniform, including black school shoes on days which they do not have PE. These days and arrangements for PE will be shared with parents upon our return to school.

P4 - P7 Pupils - Pupils in P4-P7 must wear full school uniform each day, including black school shoes. Jogging bottoms/leggings/trainers should not be worn to school

During the Autumn/Winter months it is important that **ALL** children bring a coat to school each day.

*****Please ensure that all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name*****

After School Clubs

Clubs will not be operational until the week beginning 16th September 2024. Clubs that run from Monday to Wednesday can be booked on the school app at a charge of **£3 per session**.

On Thursday Sports City will be facilitating cubs and the cost for this club is **£4 per session**.

Clubs will also be block booked for a **6-week period**. More information will follow shortly regarding clubs.

Parent Support Group (PSG):

Our Parent Support Group is truly the heart of our school community. Their unwavering dedication, kindness, and collaborative spirit make a significant difference in the lives of our students and families. From organising events to providing invaluable support, they create a nurturing environment where everyone feels valued and connected. We are incredibly grateful for their tireless efforts and the positive impact they have on our school.

The PSG will hold their first meeting early in Term 1, and I would encourage parents, particularly new parents, to join up and lend a hand to the PSG. It is a great way to support your children at school, but also to meet new people and share in the community centred ethos of our school.

Social Media

We love to share what the children have been getting up to at school on our website and SeeSaw. This year we are launching our new Facebook page, alongside our school app.

If you use social media I would encourage you follow our page which will provide an additional way to keep update with information and events happening in school. If you have any questions regarding school business or your children, please contact school via the school app, phone number or email.

****Facebook is not to be used as a means of communicating with staff****

It is also important to use social media as a positive, promotional tool for our school and to refrain from negative commentary.

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Our Eco Council will be holding a Pre-Loved Uniform Sale on Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th September at 1:50pm to 2:20pm and at 2:50pm to 3:10pm.

All items of clothing will be sold for £1 per item. If you have any Pre-Loved uniform items that you would like to donate to school, please can these be brought into school by Monday 9th September.

Dinners

Dinners will cost **£2.60 per day** and should be paid through the school app. We are aware that it may take time for parents/guardians to get used to paying through the school app, so cash is acceptable until the end of October.

If you think your child may be entitled to a school meal, please complete the form on EA website by clicking the link below.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

Our Dinner menu can be accessed via the school website and through the school app. This will be published by Friday 30th August.

Holidays

Our holiday list can be found on the school calendar on the school website and on the school app.