

Pupil Premium

Our school receives additional funding, 'Pupil Premium', to provide extra support to children from families in receipt of certain benefits, with low income or with children adopted from care. We will ask you to complete a form relating to your household income to ensure as a school we receive the correct financial support for pupils. If you feel you may be entitled please email admin@st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk and somebody can help you to apply online.

Parent Helpers

We value the positive benefits of parental help in school. Once the children have settled into their new class, Mrs West will organise parent helpers to come into school.

Get Involved

We have a very active **PTA** and strongly recommend you getting involved as it is a great and fun way to meet new parents. You can find them on their own facebook page at [PTA St Georges C of E Primary School](#)

Communicating with school

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need to speak to the teacher or teaching assistant. You can have a quick chat at pick up time or make an appointment via email or the school office. You can also make contact through the Class Dojo app. This is a free app that allows communication between parent and school. We will send you a link to activate your child's school account.

School website: <https://www.st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk/>

Office email: admin@st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk

Headteacher email: headteacher@st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk

Class letters and newsletters are emailed to parents.

Breakfast and After school care

We run our own Breakfast Club with sessions from 7.30am to the start of school. We also have an After School Club provision which currently runs from 3.15pm to 5.30pm. To book onto these sessions please complete Booking Forms which can be found on our website.

Both will need to be pre-booked and paid in advance to secure places.

Parking

Please do not park on the zigzag lines outside of the school gates as this is very dangerous, particularly when children are arriving or leaving school.

We promote walking to school where possible to minimise traffic congestion outside the school and for our near neighbours.

Welcome to St George's CEP School

'Bringing faith and education together'



Handy Hints for Starting School

Parents' Information Booklet

May 2021

Preparation for September 2021 New Intake Due to Covid-19 Government restrictions we have had to make amendments to our plans for your child's start in their journey at St. George's CEP School. This booklet is to support you with some key information. We will be holding a parents meeting on **Wednesday 16th June at 6pm** via zoom where we can share further information. A link will be sent to the email that you have provided to the school. In the meantime, if you have any questions please email admin@st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk

Familiarisation

We hope that all being well on the Government road map that we will be able to hold some face to face sessions for your child to see the Early Years learning environment and meet their teachers. We will assign your child to a morning session and an afternoon session on either of the following days:

Wednesday 7th July: 10:00am -11.30am or 1.00pm – 2.30pm
Thursday 8th July: 10:00am -11.30am or 1.00pm – 2.30pm

We recommend one parent to bring your child to and from the sessions above. We hope that we will be able to invite you into school on **Wednesday 7th July** but this is dependent on the guidelines so will need to be confirmed. On Thursday you will not need to stay. Entering and exiting the school will be via the main school gate only for these days.

Start of Term

We have a staggered entry into St George's to ensure a smooth transition for your child and the class as a whole.

Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th September 9.00am until 12:00pm.

Thursday 9th & Friday 10th September 9.00am until 12:30pm (these days will include a school dinner or you will need to provide a packed lunch)

Monday 13th September full time 8.45am until 3:15pm.

We suggest for this first week that you arrive at the front main gates of school for both drop off and pickups so we can safely meet you and your child.

Bible Church Service

We are planning a Bible Service on **Monday 13th September** from 1pm where we would present your child with their welcome gift of their 'First Bible' – we are hoping you will be able to attend too.

Daily Routine

Once your child starts full time from Monday 13th September the school day starts at 8.45am. You will be able to bring your child to either school gate entrance from 8.45am where they will be met by one of the EYFS staff. The school gates close at 9:00am After this time your child will be marked as late and will need to enter the school via the main gates at the KS2 end of the school. At the end of the school day at 3:15pm you will be able to come onto the school site and come to the green gates outside the Oak Classroom where you will be able to collect your child. If someone other than yourselves are collecting your child this needs to be recorded in your child's contact book and/or inform the school office. In case of a late emergency then you will need to call and inform the school office to give your consent.

Fruit and Milk

Children can bring in their own healthy snack for the morning (fruit or vegetables). Their snack from home can be kept in their book bag. We will also provide daily fresh fruit in the classroom.

Universal Free School Dinner / Packed Lunch

School Dinners are cooked in our school kitchen. Our school dinner provider is currently Caterlink Ltd and school meals are Government funded until your child enters Year 3. We would encourage you to take this option to allow children to experience a range of foods with their friends. However, should you wish you may provide your child with a packed lunch. Please note we are a **nut free school** (this includes chocolate spread). A menu will be provided at the beginning of term and children can choose daily whether they have a hot meal or a packed lunch from home.

Tapestry

We use Tapestry an online learning journal to share special moments of your child's development. You will receive an activation email for you to set up a password for your account. You can download the app and in your pack are some usage instructions. You will receive notifications when we have uploaded a photo of your child during their learning. We encourage you to upload photos of their learning at home, whether this is riding a bike, a special day out or reading a book. We will contact you when this activation email is released.

Getting Ready for School

Many parents ask how they can help their child before and during their early days at school. Without doubt, the greatest contribution is to help your child to explore the world with confidence. For instance, talk about objects and pictures, encourage your child to describe things to you. In addition, confidence in the following skills will help during the early days at school:

- To dress him/herself and fasten zips and buttons
- To put shoes and socks on
- To use the toilet independently
- To wash and dry his/her hands
- To use a knife and fork
- To use a handkerchief/tissue
- To be able to listen and focus to stories and instructions
- To recognise his/her name
- To begin to write his/her name
- To count and begin to recognise some numbers

Uniform

We ask that all children must have the school logo navy jumper/cardigan (compulsory), white shirt or polo shirt and black school shoes with a Velcro fastening or a fastening they can independently do. Grey trousers or shorts for boys, navy blue skirt or pinafore for girls or blue checked dress for the summer months. School fleeces and coats are available; we ask that all children have a waterproof coat available to them ideally left in school, a pair of wellies to be left in school and a pair of waterproof trousers or all in one suits. All children will need a school logo book bag, a sports cap water bottle, a PE bag containing their house colour t-shirt, navy shorts and plimsolls. Uniform can be ordered direct at www.mapac.com (search for school using postcode only TN15 7DL) and delivered to home (for £3.95 postage) or free of charge to school.