



We are so happy that you are joining Year 1 in September. All the teachers are really looking forward to meeting you and being part of your learning.

Here is some information about your new year group so you are ready on your first day.

Your Phase Leader is Mrs Holden



Your teachers are:

1B - Botany Bay



Miss McLening and Mrs Smith

1J - Joss Bay



Miss McAnulty

1W - Walpole Bay



Mr Sharpe

1K - Kingsgate Bay



Miss Dormer

When do I come back to school?

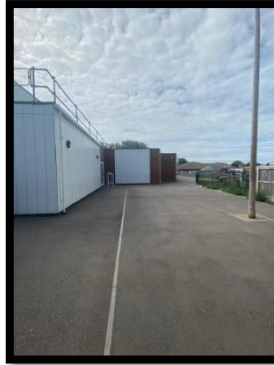
The first day of the new term is **Wednesday, 2nd September 2026.**

Where will I come into school?

You will come into school the same way you did as when you were in Year R - through the double green gates on Northumberland Avenue.

The Year 1 door will be open at **8.30 am** and will close at **8.40 am**.

Adults will be there to greet you and there will be extra adults to help you get to your classroom safely - just like when you were in Year R. Your parents and carers will leave school through the Key Stage 1 playground gate.



If you are late, you will need to go to the Wellbeing Hub House accessed via the front door on Northumberland Avenue with your grown-up to wait for Mrs Hasson and Mrs Saddington (our Attendance Officers) to sign you in.



What will happen at the end of the day?

School will finish for Year 1 at **3.00 pm**. Your parents will enter via the double green gate (as in Year R) but then walk around the front of the Nursery building and to the back of the Year 1 classes (NOT past the Year R classroom doors).

However, **1B** will come out from the same door they entered in the morning.



You will leave school via the Key Stage 1 playground gate.

What will I need to bring to school?

In your book bag, you will need a water bottle, your reading book and reading record and your packed lunch (unless you are having a school dinner). Remember, your lockers are quite small so you can't fit a rucksack inside - a book bag is best.

What will my day look like?

We are excited to tell you that you will continue to benefit from continuous provision in Year 1 with many fun, active learning opportunities. In the mornings you will have English, phonics and maths lessons and the other lessons will be in the afternoon. We have many exciting learning experiences planned for you through our topics of Come Outside, Living Things and Toys. You will also have a weekly Forest School session.



What about homework?

We do expect you to do some work at home. You will need to make sure you read at home as often as possible (this is VERY important) and that you complete your phonics homework. Within the first week, you will be given a reading book. Please make sure your book bag is always in school so you can take your book home to practise your reading.

Where is my classroom?

Your classroom will be in the same building as your Year R classroom. You will use the same toilets and hall.

Where will I eat my lunch?

You will be eating your lunch in the Wisdom hall.

Where will I have play time?

Now that you are in Year 1, you will have play time on Key Stage 1 playground with the rest of your year group. There will be toys for you to play with and familiar grown-ups to look after you.



Uniform

As part of our move towards **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)**, we will be introducing **active uniform** for all pupils from September.

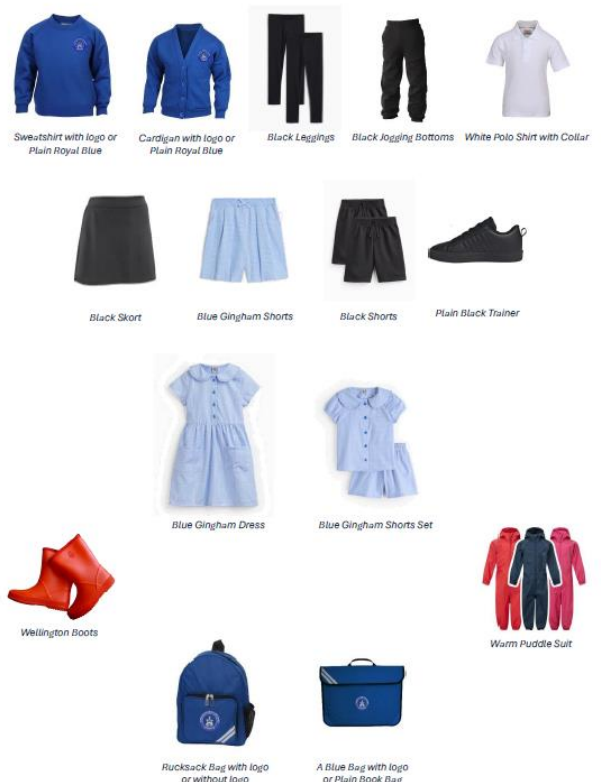
The active uniform is the essentially the same as our current PE uniform with some additional options should you wish. The uniform will consist of:

- Plain **black** joggers, leggings, jersey trousers, or shorts
- Plain white polo shirt
- Plain blue school jumper or cardigan (with or without logo)
- **Black** trainers

Optional items:

- Black skort (skirt with shorts built in)
- Blue gingham shorts and top (summer)
- Blue summer dress with shorts underneath (summer)

Cliftonville Primary & Pre-School Uniform



Please name all items of clothing, especially jumpers.

Forest School (Thursdays):

- Wellies and a puddle suit or waterproof (to be kept at school in your locker)
Arms and legs need to be covered for Forest School

There is a nearly new uniform clothing bank at the Wellbeing Hub House. Items are 50p and are available at any time.

What should I wear on PE days?

In line with our new uniform policy, there is no difference between what is worn on a PE day and a non-PE day. **Please note that only plain black trainers should be worn at all times.**

Please remember the following:

- No earrings for PE (or taped earrings - studs only - no hoops for school please)
- You will need to keep a pair of plimsolls in your locker to change into when you do gymnastics. (It is unsafe to do gymnastics in trainers.)
- In cold weather you can bring an extra top in your bag, such as a tracksuit top, **to put on over your school jumper** for the PE lesson. **These should not be worn all day instead of a school jumper.**

Suggestions of what you can do to aid your child with settling back into school

- Ensure a good bedtime routine and try keeping to the same routine each night.
Children aged 3 to 5 need 10 to 13 hours of sleep.
Children aged 6 to 12 need 9 to 12 hours of sleep.
- Minimise screen time 2 hours before bedtime to ensure children are calmed down ready for bed.
- When dropping off your child at school, say goodbye in a positive way and remind them that you'll see them again soon.
- You might like to familiarise your child with a photo of their new teacher and some information about them, which can be found on the school website:
<https://www.cliftonvilleprimary.co.uk/teacher-information-sheets-2/>