

# Monkton Junior School



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## **Monkton Junior School**

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Principal : Mr S Bowler**

On behalf of myself and all the staff I would like to offer you a warm welcome to Monkton Junior School and hope that the information contained in this booklet helps to answer any pressing questions and allows your child to settle into a happy routine so that they can quickly benefit from the creative, in-depth curriculum we offer.

This booklet contains information about the day to day operation of the school and is for you to refer to throughout the year. There are also forms, which ask for information regarding emergency contacts, medical concerns etc that need to be completed by you and returned to school as soon as possible. All the information we receive we treat as confidential and according to data protection guidelines and are for the sole purpose of assisting us to keep your child healthy, happy and safe whilst in our care on a daily basis.

If there is an occasion when the timetable changes, or we have a special event occurring we will inform you of any major changes via the school website ([www.monktonjuniors.co.uk](http://www.monktonjuniors.co.uk)) or via letters

We hope your child has a happy, enriching time with us, however, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to call in and see us straight away; it's amazing how many worries can be eradicated with a quick chat!

Regards

S. Bowler  
**Principal**



# Important Information

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

School Telephone Number: 0191 424 0200

Website address: [www.monktonjuniors.co.uk](http://www.monktonjuniors.co.uk)

Address:

Dame Flora Robson Avenue

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Office Email address: [office@monktonjuniors.co.uk](mailto:office@monktonjuniors.co.uk)

## **SCHOOL TIMES**

- ✓ Doors open for 8.30
- ✓ All in school ready to learn at 8.45

## **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

This is of upmost importance to us and is something that we monitor regularly. All important details regarding both attendance and punctuality (including details relating to term time holidays) can be found in our school attendance policy on our school website. It is important that you read this carefully as we actively promote high standards across school.

Those pupils with good attendance are rewarded regularly in school – it's great to aim high!

## **SCHOOL POLICIES**

All key policies relating to aspects of school life, can be found on our school website underneath the 'key information' tab.

## **WEEKLY ROUTINES**

### **SPELLINGS:**

Each week the children are given spellings to learn for a test which will be administered later in the week. These spellings are carefully tailored to the curriculum and may target any specific needs identified by teachers. It is important that pupils are aware of spelling patterns and rules, so they are able to apply their understanding to spelling unfamiliar words too. Spellings are given on a Monday and tested on a Friday. We ask that pupils work on learning these for a few minutes each evening to help.

### **TIMES TABLES:**

We can't stress the importance of learning tables by heart. Specific tables are set to learn each week by teachers in preparation for a test on Friday. It is important that pupils do not only learn the tables in order; tables need to be retrieved quickly out of order too. We also encourage pupils to learn division facts to further strengthen a secure tables understanding. There are some fantastic resources and tablet 'apps' to assist with learning of tables, which we will update you on in the new term.

Pupils will also be encouraged to try our 'tables challenge.' This is an individual challenge for the children to learn and recite their times tables in a given time and is often accessed during breaktimes. The children will be rewarded with a certificate in assembly to celebrate their success.

### **GRAMMAR/MENTAL MATHS/ARITHMETIC**

All of the above are important aspects of the current curriculum. Quick assessments will be carried out as needed by teachers to ascertain how best to tailor the curriculum to the needs of pupils in their class.

### **DAILY READING ROUTINE:**

Your child will be given a reading book and assigned a reading colour after an assessment by the class teacher. We ask that pupils aim to read at home as much as possible, a little each evening is perfect. Pupils should not only be able to read aloud and decode vocabulary, but read for depth in understanding. This develops comprehension skills and is the format of statutory assessments at the end of Key Stage 2. We ask that you spend time discussing the book your child is reading; considering what is happening; drawing inferences on characters and plot and discussing any new vocabulary. Children have a reading card which they will be asked to take home each evening with their reading book. We asked that this is signed to record what has been read each evening and returned to school.

### **HOMEWORK**

Homework (in addition to spellings, tables and reading) is handed out on a Thursday evening and is due to be returned to school the following Monday. Tasks are curriculum based and are usually specific to what is being covered in English and Maths. From time to time pupils may be asked to carry out specific research or a task linked to ongoing topic work. We will outline homework expectations clearly when books are handed out at the start of the academic year.

## **HOUSE GROUPS**

Each child is assigned to a 'House Group'. The groups are based around colours: Red, Blue, Green or Yellow.

Throughout their time at Monkton, your child will remain with this group. The house groups encourage the children to mix as a team, as each group consists of a mixture of year three to year six pupils. Across the school, children work hard to earn house points to contribute to their house. House competitions take place which eventually leads to a termly treat for the house who achieved the most success.

Each September brings a ballot during which the children choose two children from Year 6 to be a House Captain. The captains are role models and another point of contact for your child if he/she has an issue in school.

Once a fortnight, Friday afternoon brings house group meetings where pupils spend an hour within a house group team. We discuss many Personal, Social, Moral, Cultural and Health issues and this also allows the children to work together across year groups.

## **HOUSE POINTS**

House points are awarded for a variety of reasons; for example good work, wearing full uniform, polite manners, consideration for others and reading every night. The list is not exhaustive, staff can award points for all sorts of reasons.

## **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **PARENT/CARER EVENINGS**

These evenings take place during the Autumn and Spring term. You will be notified by letter in advance of the evening and are invited to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

In July you will receive a written report regarding your child's progress.

If we have concerns about your child, we may contact you to make an appointment to call in and see us. Similarly, should you wish to discuss any concerns with us, these will always be arranged at the most convenient time possible.

### **EDUCATIONAL VISITS**

These vary from year group to year group depending on the topic being studied. We inform you of any visits well in advance and you will be asked for specific consent relating to the visit.

### **ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**

Please see our school policy regarding details on this. Key paperwork relating to this can be found in the appendices of the document but are available in school to be completed.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

In September, your child will be given details on which day PE lessons take place. It is very important that pupils come to school with PE kit ready on this day.

This year, pupils will be provided with a PE T-shirt upon return in September. We ask that you provide a suitable pair of black shorts (which can be purchased from school) and suitable footwear (e.g. plimsolls/training shoes). We have school PE bags in which kit can be stored.

Throughout the year, different year groups, on a Friday afternoon will swim at Jarrow School. Your child will be informed when it is their turn to swim. The following will be required:

- Swimming Costume or trunks
- Swimming Hat (available from school for £1.50)
- Towel

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

**The uniform at Monkton Junior School consists of the following:**

Polo shirt / Blouse	Light blue or white
School Sweatshirt	Navy Blue
Trousers / Skirt	Grey or black

Dresses can be worn during the summer term

Please ensure that all uniform and PE kits are suitably labelled to enable us to quickly identify lost property in school.

### **Loss of or damage to property**

The school is unable to accept legal responsibility for personal property which is brought on to its premises and which is lost or damaged as a result of the acts of third parties. Losses of this nature are not covered by insurance.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM**

**Please note: when placing an order you will be expected to pay before delivery of the goods**

**Please hand to Mrs. Thompson or Miss Anderson**

**Name:**

**Contact Tel Nos.**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Size (Years)</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
<b>School Logo Sweatshirt</b>	<b>7 to 8</b>	<b>£8.99</b>	
	<b>9 to 10</b>	<b>£8.99</b>	
	<b>11 to 12</b>	<b>£8.99</b>	
	<b>Adult sizes</b>	<b>£10.99</b>	
<b>School polo shirt</b>	<b>7 to 8</b>	<b>£5.99</b>	
	<b>9 to 10</b>	<b>£5.99</b>	
	<b>11 to 12</b>	<b>£5.99</b>	
	<b>Adult sizes</b>	<b>£8.99</b>	
<b>Cardigan</b>	<b>All Sizes</b>	<b>£9.99</b>	
	<b>Adult sizes</b>	<b>£10.99</b>	
<b>PE Shorts</b>	<b>All sizes</b>	<b>£4.00</b>	



### School meals at Monkton Junior School



<b>PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS</b>	
I pay for my child's lunches	YES // NO
If you pay for lunches, all you need to do is complete the milk section at the bottom of this form	
<b>If your child is entitled to Free School Meals Please complete the remainder of this form</b>	
<b>To ensure eligibility of Free School Meals we require the following information about you: If you are not entitled, your partner maybe!</b>	
Parent/Carer 1	Parent/Carer 2
Surname	Surname
Forename	Forename
National Insurance Number: A check cannot be completed without this	National Insurance Number: A check cannot be completed without this
Your Date of Birth: A check cannot be completed without this	Your Date of Birth: A check cannot be completed without this
National Asylum Support Service Number	National Asylum Support Service Number
I wish my child to have milk on a daily basis	
<b>If you do not sign this section of the form, your child will not receive milk</b>	
.....Parent/Carer	
<b>PRICES</b>	
<b>Lunches:</b>	<b>£2.10 per day £10.50 per week</b>
<b>Milk</b>	<b>£9.10 per term £27.30 per year</b>



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**Parental Consent Form for all Category 0 and Category 1 visits and other off-site activities**

<b>Categories</b>	<b>Category 0 Visits</b>	<b>Category 1 Visits</b>
Range of Activities	School Centre visits in local area: Timetabled Visits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming</li> <li>• Games</li> <li>• Surveys</li> <li>• Visits to Churches</li> <li>• Visits to Parks/Environmental Centres</li> <li>• Visits to local Schools</li> </ul>	Non-residential visits to places of educational interests and activities that have no significant risks. Visits to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerts</li> <li>• Theatres</li> <li>• Sports Fixtures/Visits</li> <li>• Charity Walks in parks and non remote paths</li> <li>• Field studies in non-remote/non hazardous areas</li> </ul>

Please sign and date the form below if you are happy for your child, whilst at Monkton Junior School:

- To take part in school trips and other activities outlined above

Yes  No

- To have photographs taken and displayed in the school, be published with their names i.e. sports fixtures, in the press as well as on school, Local Authority or press websites.

Yes  No

- To be given first aid or urgent medical treatment during any school trip or activity.

Yes  No

Signature of Parent/Carer:.....

Name of Child: .....

Class: .....

Date: .....