



Folly View Primary School
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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first term. The weeks seem to have flown by and it has been amazing to see all the learning that has been taking place across the school.

Next week you will be able to have a meeting with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress and how they have settled in their new class. If you haven't already made an appointment please log in via <https://follyview.schoolcloud.co.uk> If you have any problems with booking an appointment, please contact the school office. These meetings are important to support the partnership between home and school which provides the best opportunities for children to thrive and succeed in school, so we encourage all parents to attend. Members of the school Senior Leadership Team will also be available during the evenings; Mrs Baird Head of School, Mrs Cox Assistant Head and Miss Jordan SENCO.

Inclusion Team

As the school grows, we have increased the capacity within our inclusion team to enable us to provide more support to children and families. We would like to introduce you to our new SENCo, Catherine Jordan and our home school link work Emily Joyce.

I am Catherine Jordan the new SENCO here at Folly View. I grew up in Gloucestershire and have recently moved into the area after spending the last 20 years teaching in York. I was at my last school 15 years and in that time trained to be a SENCO and was in that role there for 9 years. During that time, I had the privilege of supporting a huge range of children and families with a variety of needs as well as working on a number of whole school projects, most recently developing our lunchtime play. When not at work, I enjoy cooking and baking as well getting involved in things in the local community and going to cafes for a chai latte! I look forward to working with you.



I am Emily, I'm the new Home School Link Worker for Folly View and The Elms Primary Schools. I previously worked as the Trust Family Link Worker for Faringdon Learning Trust.

In my role I offer support to parents/carers/families who may be finding things hard and need extra support. Issues the families may have could include, behaviour, routines, sleep, diet, attendance difficulties, bereavement, family breakdowns, mental health difficulties, financial difficulties and many more. I will meet with parents/ carers in school, by phone or home visit to discuss the family's needs and come up with a plan to help. I will liaise with the school staff and give advice and signpost families to other agencies where needed to ensure they receive appropriate support. The aim is to support families early before other interventions are needed. I look forward to meeting you and supporting your families.



School website

Please remember to check out the year group pages on the website. Here you will find useful information your child's curriculum learning and also share photos of the activities that have been taking place in school

<https://www.follyviewprimary.co.uk/class-pages/>

Contact details

Please can we ask all parents to ensure that they inform the school if they have moved house, changed phone numbers or email addresses. As a school, most of our communications are sent by email or text and it is important that we have up to date details for all parents. If you need to check the details that we have for you, please contact the school office.



School Attendance

As a school, we are expected to monitor pupil attendance regularly and to ensure that we are informing parents when attendance has fallen below 95%. This will help us to ensure that your child attends regularly and can reach their full educational potential.

To give you an example of how your child's education can be affected, please see the facts below:

- 20 days off per school year = 90% attendance
- 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks off school
- 90% attendance for your child throughout Primary and Secondary School means they will have missed a whole year of school in their education.



Please can we remind parents that you must inform the school office if your child will not be attending school on every day of their absence, not just the first day their absence starts. This is a legal and safeguarding requirement. You can contact the school office by phone 01367 240655 or you can email attendance@fvp.cambrianlit.org

If you do not inform us of your child's absence at the start of the day, you can expect to receive a call and text message from our office enquiring about your child's absence. This is so records can be up to date, class teachers can be informed and any judgements about safeguarding can be made swiftly. Please note that if we do not receive a response to our calls then your child's absence will be recorded as 'unauthorised'.

PE Kit

For Year 1- Year 5, PE kit must be worn to school on your child's PE day.

Red shorts and white T shirt - pull on plimsolls/daps
Black tracksuit bottoms/leggings for outside PE

Please note children should not be wearing football kits.



Folly View Friends PTA

We are fortunate to have a committed group of parents who support the school through fundraising events throughout the year. This allows us to provide additional educational experiences to all the children.

Folly View Friends are always looking for new parents to join them and help to run events throughout the year. If you are able to help in this way, please contact them on follyviewfriends@gmail.com

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 13th November. It would be great to see more parents join them for this meeting.

Safeguarding

One of our most significant responsibilities at school is to safeguard the children in our care. We have a strong culture of promoting the wellbeing of all our children and part of this is to have designated staff who support and manage safeguarding for our school. These are:

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Jo Baird

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads – Mrs Helen Cox, Mrs Sonja Spence and Mrs Kate Morris.



Our school Safeguarding Policy can be found on our website under Key Information > Safeguarding or via this link: <https://www.follyviewprimary.co.uk/safeguarding/>

Please note that if you have a concern about any child or family, you can make a referral directly to the Oxfordshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). They can be contacted on 0345 050 76

Mobile Phones



We would like to remind you that the use of mobile phones is prohibited on school site. Therefore, when dropping off or collecting your child, please ensure your mobile phone is away and not in use. This is to ensure the safety of all the children at Folly View School. These rules apply everyone that is on our school site, including visitors.

Jigsaw – Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Education

In school, we use a scheme of work for Personal Social Health and Citizenship Education, called Jigsaw. The scheme is arranged across the year in themes, which run throughout the school. We are very committed to this scheme and the mindful approach to learning about ourselves, our emotions and our relationships. This term our Jigsaw Puzzle theme is 'Being Me in my World' and supports children

to think about their place in the world and the many ways in which they belong. You can see the full Jigsaw programme by following the link below to the school website.

<https://www.follyviewprimary.co.uk/pshe/>



Breakfast Club

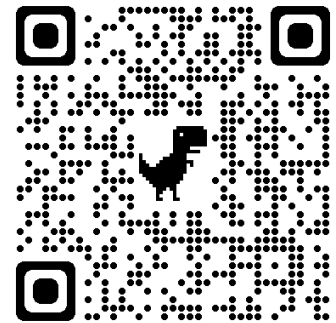


Our Breakfast Club continues to run, every morning from 7.30am! If you have not booked a place and are still interested, we do have some further spaces and you can make your booking through the school office, on office@fvp.cambrianlt.org

50 things to do before you're 5

50 Things To Do Before You're Five gives you 50 activities that parents and carers can support their children to try out and repeat. Each of the 50 Things have been carefully developed by education experts and early years practitioners following consultation with parents, and we've made sure that children with special education needs are included and that each of the 50 Things means something across our culturally diverse communities.

Or link



<https://oxfordshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!50thingstodobefore5/welcome>

Key Dates

Tuesday 15 th and Thursday 17 th October	Parents Evenings
Wednesday 23 rd October	PTA Disco
Friday 25 th October	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half Term
Monday 4 th November	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 6 th November at 5pm	Open Evening for Prospective Parents (Seedlings, Sunflower and Reception)
Wednesday 13 th November	PTA AGM meeting
Friday 20 th December	Term 2 finishes – School closes at 1.15pm

Kind regards,

Mrs Jo Baird and the FVP Team