



Fairisle Junior School

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Welcome to Fairisle Junior School!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to welcome you and your child to **Year 3 at Fairisle Junior School**. We are very much looking forward to working with you as your child begins the next stage of their learning journey with us.

Our school is a vibrant, ambitious and caring community. What makes Fairisle Junior School such an exceptional place is, quite simply, **the children**. They are at the heart of everything we do. We are fully committed to twelve excellent teachers providing the highest standards of education, ensuring consistency, strong routines and a culture where every child can thrive. We set a high bar, reflect on our practice, and work tirelessly to help children reach their full potential. We want every child to leave us academically capable, independent, resilient and with a strong sense of right and wrong. We **Expect Success** of the children and are proud of the high expectations that we have. **Most importantly, we instil in our children their own determination to Expect Success of themselves.**

Staffing

Your child will be supported by a dedicated team, including:

- Headteacher – Robin Hayes
- Deputy Headteachers – Bev Bessey & Holly Cleveley
- Assistant Headteachers – Abi Saunders & Rachael Woods
- Year Leader & Teacher 3EE – Emily Elkins
- Teacher 3EM – Emily Martin
- Teacher 3MT – Millie Tanner
- Inclusion Support – Tracey Rankin & Sophie Woodford



- PE Team – Superstar Sports
- Music – Discover the Music

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe is of paramount importance. Fairisle Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and expects every member of our community to share this commitment. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is the Headteacher, supported by three fully trained Deputy DSLs (Miss Bessey, Mrs Woods and Mrs Rankin).

Behaviour

OfSTED described behaviour at Fairisle as “impeccable”. We expect our children to follow three rules, ‘Respect, Ready, Safe’. Our mantra is to tackle all low level behaviours, to maximise learning time and instil in children positive attitudes and preparedness for learning. All children should be able to learn in classrooms free of disruption. Our children are polite, respectful and work hard. They feel safe, trust the adults who support them, and understand that any concerns — including bullying — will be dealt with promptly. We are proud of the calm, purposeful atmosphere across our school. These high standards of behaviour are expected to be maintained by children travelling to and from school and on trips or when they represent us.

Mobile Phones & Smart Watches

Our school is mobile phone free for children. This means that throughout their entire time at Fairisle, they will not be allowed a phone in school or on site, even if they travel to or from school alone. The same applies to smart watches, they are not permitted in school.

School Uniform

All children must be in correct school uniform. Please see the bottom of this letter for all the details. The school currently does sell uniform but this is only whilst stocks last. Our uniform and PE kit is deliberately designed to be cheap and smart. We encourage families to purchase from supermarkets to save money. Branded items can be purchased from [Skoolit either online](#) or at their store in Totton.

Celebration Assembly

Each week we celebrate success through:

- Learners of the Week
- Workers of the Week
- Headteacher’s Awards

We love to celebrate achievements outside of school, so if your child has received a certificate, medal or award they can bring this in to share with our whole school.

The School Day

- Doors open at **8:40 a.m.** and school begins at **8:45 a.m.**
- Children enter through their classroom doors on the playground. Staff are available if you need to pass on a message, or you can write in your child's planner.
- Doors close at **8:55 a.m.**; after this time, children must enter via the office.
- School finishes at **3:15 p.m.**, and Year 3 teachers hand children directly over on the playground.

Home Learning

We ask that children practise their times tables daily for at least five minutes. Instant recall of multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 is essential by the end of Year 4. In Year 3, children will focus on the 3, 6, 4 and 8 times tables, alongside the 2, 5 and 10 from earlier years. Daily reading at home is also expected. This must be recorded in the school planners. Children are also sent home spellings to learn.

Learning in the First Half Term

Our topic is '**Lordshill and Beyond**', exploring the local area and comparing city and village life. In maths, we will strengthen place value and revisit key Year 2 learning to support new addition and subtraction methods. In art, children will develop drawing techniques and create observational sketches inspired by natural sculptures. In writing, we will use *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward to inspire descriptive setting writing.

School Lunches

A menu is attached for school lunches. You will be sent details for online payments when your child has started with us.

Attendance and Punctuality

Children should attend every day they are well enough to. We monitor attendance closely and provide regular reports. Term-time holidays are not authorised, and penalty notices may be issued for unauthorised absences. Forms must be completed for any leave of absence – these can be obtained from the school office. We also reward excellent attendance through our famous '**In It to Win It**' events. Please ensure children are collected promptly at the end of the day.

Your Child's First Day – Wednesday 2nd September

Year 3 children will start at **9:30 a.m.** and will be collected from the playground by their new teacher. Staff will have class lists and will be available to support you. Everything your child needs will be provided; they simply need to arrive in correct uniform. Children may bring a water bottle of their own but will be provided with one on their first day. Further information about PE will follow.

Helping Your Child Succeed

Your support makes a huge difference. A successful start to Year 3 is built on:

- Working together as a team
- Establishing good routines
- Wearing correct uniform
- Positive communication
- Encouragement
- Strong attendance and punctuality
- Giving your child time to settle — even if they don't talk much about school -
- this is completely normal!

We are excited to welcome your child to Fairisle Junior School and look forward to a happy and successful year ahead. Have a lovely summer.

Kind regards,



Robin Hayes

Headteacher

Our School Uniform

Years 3, 4 and 5

In Years 3, 4 and 5, we wear:

- ✓ White or red polo shirt
- ✓ Red jumper or cardigan
- ✓ Black or grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- ✓ **Plain black shoes or trainers** (white soled shoes are not permitted)



Years 3, 4 and 5

Sandals, open-toed shoes and crocs are not permitted.
Jersey/sports shorts and trousers are also not permitted.

Mobile Phones

No children are allowed a mobile phone on the school site.



Watches

The only watches allowed are analogue and digital watches. Smart watches are not permitted.



The only logo permitted is our school logo.
Uniform is for sale in our school office.

Our School Uniform



Not permitted – white sole



Permitted



Not permitted – black and white



Permitted



Not permitted – coloured logos and sole



Permitted



Not permitted – dark grey and black



Permitted



Not permitted – sandals



Not permitted – Crocs



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Our P.E. Kit



P.E. Kit

P.E.

For P.E. we are expected to have a change of clothes and footwear.

In the summer, we wear:

- ✓ Plain red or white t-shirt
- ✓ Black shorts
- ✓ Trainers

In the winter, we wear:

- ✓ Plain red or white t-shirt
- ✓ Black tracksuit bottoms
- ✓ Black tracksuit top
- ✓ Trainers

Jewellery

The only jewellery children are allowed to wear are stud earrings.
These **must** be removed for P.E. lessons.

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Summer

In the summer, we can wear:

- ✓ Red and white gingham dress or playsuit
- ✓ **Plain black shoes or trainers** (white soled shoes are not permitted)
- ✓ Tailored plain black or grey shorts
- ✓ Plain black cycling short with **no logos or branding.** These length of these must be mid-thigh to knee. Very short gym shorts are unsuitable unless they are worn under skirts or dresses



Year 6

In Year 6, we wear the same apart from the jumpers or cardigans, which are black.



Year 6