Dear Parents and Carers

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We demonstrate our Values of *Trust, Respect, Honesty, Kindness, Friendship and Generosity* at Prees C.E. Primary School and Nursery in all that we strive to achieve each day.

PREES SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

Whether you have been part of our school community for many years or just for a few days, we wish you a warm welcome to the new academic year.

This week it has been wonderful to see our children's positivity and to see them reconnecting with their friends – it is so lovely to be back at school. The children who are new to our school have settled amazingly. Similarly, our Year 6 children have been setting an excellent example to the rest of the school.

Monday 7th September	**PE - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6** **Forest School - Nursery**
Tuesday 8th September	PE - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday 9th September	**PE - Year 1 and Year 2**
Thursday 10th September	Swimming for children Year 5 and Year 6 PE - Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 11th September	**PE - Reception and Year 3**

Please can children come to school in their PE kit on PE days and bring a spare pair of socks to change into as the grass can be wet. Thank you

Swimming Sessions

Swimming sessions resume on Thursday for children in Year 5 and Year 6 for 10 weeks. A letter has been sent to families of those children with more details.

Messaging

Most communications are sent by email or text via ParentPay. Please make sure that you have registered via the details sent home to ensure you receive notifications, letters and news.

Please ensure we have the most up to date contact information for you. Please let us know of any changes to your key details.

As a matter of routine, any injury above the neck means that a text is sent home as well as the 'bump note'. All other minor accidents will be recorded and a note sent home with your child. If anything is considered more serious than a minor injury, we will always ring you.

Child Absence

Please telephone school (01948 840209) by 9.00am if your child is unwell and will not be attending that day. If leaving a message, can you please provide the exact reason why your child is absent. If we have not heard from you by 9.15am, we will telephone you and follow-up with a text message. If we have still not heard from you by 10.30am we will telephone and text again as this becomes a safeguarding concern.

We shall also be contacting parents of Nursery children who do not attend, for whatever reason, on days that we are expecting them. This is a health and wellbeing safeguarding

Diary Dates

Wednesday 9th September	**Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10.30am**
Thursday 10th September	Swimming for Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 16th September	**Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10.30am**
Thursday 17th September	Swimming for Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 23rd September	**Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10.30am**
Thursday 24th September	Swimming for Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 30th September	**Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10.30am**
Thursday 1st October	Swimming for Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 2nd October	**Nasal Flu Vaccinations (more details will follow shortly)**
Monday 5th October	Harvest Service, 2pm at St Chad's Church
Wednesday 7th October	**Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10.30am**
Thursday 8th October	Swimming for Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 9th October	**Planetarium in the hall for Year 5 and Year 6**
Wednesday 14th October	Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10.30am Parent Consultations
Thursday 15th October	**Swimming for Year 5 and Year 6** **Parent Consultations**
Friday 16th October	Break up for Half Term

Contact Details

Can we please ask that you let the school office know if someone who is not on your named collection list will be collecting your child at the end of the school day. If we have not received a telephone call or email to inform us about the collection, we will ring you to confirm this before allowing your child to leave school. Thank you.

Reading

We really appreciate your support in your child's reading development. We understand that it is difficult to hear your child read every day, but if you could try to build in sometime during the course of the week to hear your child read as often as possible or to talk with them about their reading that would be really beneficial. Reading books will be sent home with your child's reading record diary. Please record every time you hear your child read in the reading record diary and send their reading book and diary back into school daily. Thank you.

***** School Admissions Dates *****

Online applications for Secondary School Places are now open

Applications must be made online by 31st October 2026 (final day for applications)

To apply please visit: https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-to-start-or-transfer-school/transferring-to-secondary-school/

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on 'Apply here'.
If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school, we are happy to help.

Breakfast Club and Wrap Around Club

We have a daily Breakfast Club (during term time) from 7.45am. Breakfast is supplied and the children are taken to join their classes at 8.40am. The cost for the daily session is £4 payable via ParentPay. If you are able, we ask that your book in advance, but the club is also available on an ad hoc basis to suit your needs.

Wrap Around Club (during term time) runs from 3.10pm—6pm daily. The cost is £4 per hourly session, payable via ParentPay. A snack can be provided if your child is staying after 5.10pm for an additional cost of £1, you need to let us know in advance if you would like this please. Again, if you are able, we ask you to book in advance, but the club is also available on an ad hoc basis to suit your needs. Both clubs are for children aged 3 years and above. Vouchers can be used to pay for Breakfast and/or Wrap Around Club.

The contact Telephone Number for Breakfast Club and Wrap Around during term time is 01948 800 307

School Meals

Hot school meals are available daily at a cost of £2.65 (£1.85 for Nursery children) and payable via ParentPay.
Please note children moving into Year 3 will need to pay for school lunches.

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits. Please apply, if you are eligible, for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 even though they will receive universal free school meals. Please visit the site below to check if you are eligible to apply.
https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals
Thank you.

Toast

Toast is available to the children at first playtime at a cost of 10p per slice, this is payable via ParentPay.
Children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 have free fruit on a daily basis.

** Please let us know if you do not want your child to have toast on a daily basis as some of our children may not understand and may order without you knowing. **

Children are more than welcome to bring in their own healthy snacks, i.e. raw vegetables, fruit etc. to eat at playtime. Nuts are not allowed in school due to allergies.

School Transport

Your child may be eligible for school transport if they are in
Reception Class to Year 6 and fulfil certain criteria.

Applications can be submitted online at
https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/available-support/

Scroll down and click on Primary.

Any queries please contact school. Thank you.

Homework

Your child's homework is accessed via our online Seesaw program.
Spellings and homework are set on Seesaw each week.

New login details will be sent home with your child during their first week back at school.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Holiday Club

Thank you so much to everyone who supported holiday club, we had a wonderful three and a half weeks.
Holiday club will run again during October half term.

More details to follow shortly.

Wellies

Please can your child bring a pair of wellies into school (labelled with their name) that can be left in school.
We play outside at lunchtimes on the field as often as possible, and they will then also be available for use when they are taking part in Outdoor Learning.
Thank you.

Water Bottles

Please can children bring a water bottle, labelled with their name to school each day.
If you child is bringing juice to drink with their lunch, can they also bring a bottle with water in so that they can remain hydrated throughout the day.
Thank you.

Shropshire Family Information Service

Cycling is a great way to keep active and boost your wellbeing. Why not plan a bike ride with the family, Shropshire has some great family friendly cycle routes, check them out here: https://orlo.uk/FufJf
You can find more inspiration and a list of all things cycling on our Family Information Directory https://orlo.uk/nkm7E

Shropshire Larder - a resource for people in Shropshire

The Shropshire Larder is a community information resource, bringing together the support available in Shropshire for people on low incomes.

Take a look at their website for further information on the following:

- How to access emergency food
- Where to access low cost or free food in Shropshire
- Advice on eating well on a budget
- Where to get local help with money issues

https://www.shropshirelarder.org.uk/

Support for parent carers of children with SEND

Shropshire's Local Offer

Having access to good quality information to help you understand the world of SEND is important when making decisions about your child's life. This is where websites such as the Shropshire's SEND Local Offer can help you.



Cost of Living Support

Increases in the cost of food, fuel and utilities will continue to affect most households across Shropshire this year. If you find yourself worried about money or you're struggling right now, you're not alone. But don't wait to get help. Shropshire Council and many support organisations are seeing rises in the number of people seeking help, and as winter approaches you may see more delays in getting responses.
The good news is that there's help available.
The website: www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/ was created in partnership with trusted community organisations to help you find the help you need, whether it's to get through a short-term crisis or to find more long-term support.

If you are concerned about someone's safety In an emergency dial 999, but for other calls to the police please ring 101. To report a safeguarding concern by phone ring the **First Point of Contact team** on 0345 678 9044 Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 4pm. If you have urgent adult safeguarding concerns outside of these hours, please phone the **Emergency Social Work Duty Team** on 0345 678 9040.

Worrying About Money

Worrying about Money? Please use the link below to find guidance and advice regarding money worries that may be affecting you and your family: https://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/shropshire

Leaflets are also available from: https://www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk/cash-first-leaflets







FAMILY GRAPEVINE

The Summer/Autumn 2026 issue of the Shrewsbury & Telford Family Grapevine is out now! It is full of useful information, with a guide to what's on for families, and the directory full of fun activities from toddler groups to sports clubs, plus childcare, party entertainers, support and lots more. For those who don't receive a print copy, you can either pick up a free copy at family venues, leisure centres and libraries across the area, or you can access the full issue on our website:

The Unique Family Magazine - The Family Grapevine



New guidance issued due to concern of AI-manipulated images

Photos of children that seem completely innocent can be manipulated using artificial intelligence (AI) to create sexualised or abusive images. There is a growing threat that children's images shared online are being manipulated by criminals into AI generated sexual abuse material. As concerns grow, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the National Crime Agency (NCA) have issued new guidance to help understand the risks around AI image manipulation and advice on how to speak to your child about AI and image consent.

The IWF states that child sexual abuse images or videos created or altered using AI may include:

- Everyday images of a child or young person that are manipulated into child sexual abuse imagery, including images taken from social media, websites or messaging apps, that are manipulated into sexualised or abusive imagery. These are sometimes known as 'deepfakes'.

- Images or videos that look like a real child but are completely artificial.

AI technology that digitally removes clothing from existing images to create nude or semi-nude images, sometimes known as 'nudifying'.

[source: IWF https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/ accessed 25.08.26]

What can I do?

The guidance provides practical advice about sharing photographs of your child online. Some useful things to consider are:

Think before you share photographs online. The IWF suggest creating a 'close friends' group to share images.

Check and adjust your privacy settings on all social media accounts.

Understand the steps to take if you or your child has any concerns and the organisations you can contact.

Where can I find the new guidance?

The full guidance can be accessed at the link below. It also includes a video highlighting how everyday photos can be misused using AI tools.

https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/

You can find the full press release/announcement here:

https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/new-guidance-for-parents-and-carers-as-ai-manipulated-images-of-children-become-a-growing-concern

Childline under 12s site

Childline have a separate area on their website for under 12s. The pages are written for primary school children. The area includes a section full of games and a Buddy Zone with tips, such as how to speak to a trusted adult and information on where to get extra support from.
You can access this area here:

https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/u12-landing/

How to manage parental controls for different ages?

Internet Matters asked online experts, Karl Hopwood and Richard Waite to share their advice on how to manage parental controls for different ages.
Find out more here:

https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/managing-parental-controls-for-different-ages/