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

Monday 14th September	**PE - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6** **Forest School - Nursery**
Tuesday 15th September	PE - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday 16th September	**PE - Year 1 and Year 2** **Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9.00am – 10.30am** **Meet the Teacher**
Thursday 17th September	Swimming for children Year 5 and Year 6 PE - Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 18th 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

***** 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.

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 16th September	**Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10.30am**
	Meet the Teacher – there will be an opportunity to come into school to meet your child's class teacher and find out more about the year ahead
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 Vaccines for children in Reception – Year 6 (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
Monday 2nd November	**PD Day – children not in school**
Tuesday 3rd November	Children return to school

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.

Lunch Menu

Hot school meals area available daily at a cost of £2.65 (£1.85 for Nursery children) and payable via ParentPay. Please ensure that your ParentPay catering purses are kept in credit as far as possible.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free meals under the Universal Infant School Meals scheme.

Please note children who moved into Year 3 will need to pay for school lunches, unless your child is eligible for Free School Meals. Please see details about applying for free school meals, if your child is eligible, on page 3 of the newsletter. Thank you.

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 are struggling right now, you are not alone. But do not 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

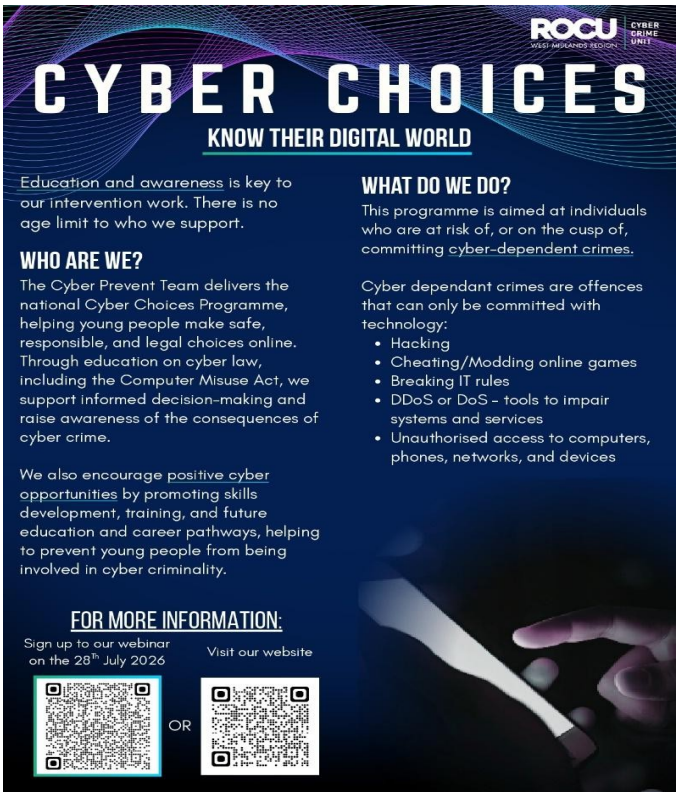
Worrying about Money? Please use the link below to find guidance and advice regarding money worries that may be affecting you and your family: https://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/shropshire

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









YouTube

YouTube is one of the most popular platforms, available across many different devices - phones, tablets and Smart TVS etc. **YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13,** however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/ guardian. There are different options available to access YouTube, depending on your child's age:

1. YouTube Kids – a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

2. Supervised accounts – a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+
- **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything except for videos marked as 18+.

Find out more: https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420

What do I need to be aware of?

Whilst YouTube can be educational and fun, it is important to be aware of the potential risks, such as:

- **Inappropriate content**
- **Excessive Screentime –** particularly due to the autoplay feature.
- **Unwanted contact / cyberbullying –** particularly via comments if your child is sharing videos.
- **Algorithms –** algorithms influence what we see to keep us engaged. This can lead to a user being exposed to large amounts of content about one topic/theme, which may not be helpful if it is negative.
- **Adverts** that may not be aimed at or suitable for your child's age.

What can I do?

- Set up appropriate parental controls.
- Show your child the reporting and blocking tools available.
- Watch YouTube together or supervise use.

Further information

https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-app/

A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives

The Children's Commissioner has published this guide to help you support your child and make starting conversations about their online world easier. It's a useful read: https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2025/12/cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf

Online Safety Quiz

The NSPCC have created this quiz to test your child's knowledge on how to stay safe online. It's a great way to start a conversation with your child about their online life. You can access the quiz here:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/quiz/

Nex Playground

Nex Playground is a new video game console, which features games to get kids active. The games have no ads, no violence and no chat features; however it does rely on purchasing either a yearly or quarterly game subscription. You can find out more here: https://www.nexplayground.com/en-gb

WhatsApp Username

WhatsApp is introducing the use of usernames, so people no longer have to share their phone number. Wayne Denner provides an overview of the new features, what you need to consider and steps you can take here: https://www.waynedenner.com/whatsapp-usernames-what-parents-need-to-know/