

Dear Parents/Carers

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 NEWS

Monday 25th September	PE Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4
Tuesday 26th September	PE— Nursery, Reception, Year 1
Wednesday 27th September	PE - Year 4 and Year 6 Piano Lessons
Thursday 28th September	Swimming for children in Year 2 and Year 6 PE - Year 1 and Year 5 Guitar Lessons Outdoor Learning Reception
Friday 29th September	PE - Reception and Year 3 Outdoor Learning Year 1

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. Can children come to school in Outdoor Learning clothes (a long sleeved top, long trousers, wellies (if your child does not already have wellies in school can they please bring a pair into school on the day they have outdoor learning) and a waterproof coat). Thank you.

At Prees C.E. Primary School, we continually focus on the importance of attendance and punctuality to ensure that your child has the best possible start in life. Attendance has a direct link to attainment; there is clear evidence that poor attendance has a very negative impact on children's learning and progress at school. If a child is not in school regularly they are not fully accessing the curriculum and learning opportunities available to them. Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year. There are 175 days for holidays and other activities.

We expect attendance rates to be 96% and above.

Attending school every day equates to 100% attendance.

Attendance during 1 year	Days lost	This equates to
95% attendance	9 days	nearly 2 weeks
90% attendance	19 days	nearly 4 weeks
85% attendance	29 days	nearly 6 week
80% attendance	38 days	nearly 8 weeks
75% attendance	48 days	nearly 10 weeks
70% attendance	57 days	nearly 11.5 weeks
65% attendance	67 days	nearly 13.5 weeks

We believe that 'Every Minute Counts! When a child arrives late at school, they miss teacher instructions and lesson time; and their learning begins to suffer. Children also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late. This can seriously disadvantage children and disrupt the learning of others. Please help your children to be punctual.

Thank you.

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

Applications for Secondary School Places

5th September 2023 — 31st October 2023 (final day for application)

To apply please visit: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

click on: Apply to start or transfer school

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school, we are happy to help.

Please note a change to the Lunch Menu

Wednesday 27th September

Minced Beef Pie or Vegetable Pie and Gravy

Mashed Potatoes, Carrots and Peas

Syrup Sponge and Custard

Staff Car Park

In the interests of safety could we please ask that anyone collecting or dropping their children off at school do not walk across the staff car park. Please use the path between school and the church.

Thank you.

Walking Bus

We are looking to get our Walking Bus up and running again and we need your help. Are there any volunteers who would be willing to help walk with the children starting from the Fire Station and picking up at certain points along the way to School? Please can you let anyone know who does not receive the newsletter and you feel may like to join the walking bus as a volunteer. If you are able to support us please email Mrs Powell at learningmentor@prees.shropshire.sch.uk know the days you are free to volunteer. Thank you.



Child absence

Can you please telephone school (01948 840209) by 9.30am if your child is unwell. If leaving a message, can you please provide the exact reason why your child is absent.

Thank you.

Data Collection Forms

Can we please remind you to return your Data Collection form to ensure we have the most current contact details for you and your family. Any queries please contact the office.

Thank you.

****Donated School Uniform****

If you require school uniform for your child we have: trousers, skirts, pinafore dresses, jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts

in various sizes that have been donated to school.

Please telephone the office and ask for Mrs Powell or email her on:

learningmentor@prees.shropshire.sch.uk

to check the sizes we have available and help with recycling. Thank you.



Holiday Club

Holiday club will run again on Friday 27th October and during October half term on Monday to Thursday.

Further details will be available nearer the time.



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 some time 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 each day. Please record in their reading diary every time you hear your child read. Thank you.



Easy Fundraising

During these uncertain times we are looking for different ways to raise funds for school. We have registered for the Easy Fundraising scheme and would really appreciate your support with this. The scheme is very easy and free to use—if you buy any items on-line then please register with the easy fundraising website:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Once registered with the site when you buy on line, please log in and see if the retailer you are purchasing from is registered with easy fundraising—if they are then log into the retailer's website via easy fundraising identifying Prees School as your chosen beneficiary and make your purchase—a percentage of the purchase price will be donated to school.

Please support us with this if you can, as it is a very easy way to raise funds for our school and does not cost you anything.

Thank you to everyone who has already registered, you have raised **£30.04**.

Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits.

Children in Nursery to Year 6 may be eligible

Please visit the site below to check if you are eligible to apply.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Thank you.

Twitter Our school has a twitter account @preesschool. We use the account to share some of the amazing things that the children undertake in school. The account is private, but if you would like to follow our account then please request this and as long as we are sure who you are then your request will be accepted.

Homework on Seesaw

Your child's homework is accessed via our online Seesaw program.

Spellings and homework are set on Seesaw each week. If you have lost your child's login details please contact the office. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.

Toast

Toast is available to the children at playtime at a cost of 10p per day, this is payable via sQuid. Children in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will need to pay for toast if they order it.

**** 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 be ordering without you knowing. ****

Children are welcome to bring healthy snacks into school such as raw vegetables, fruit etc. to eat at playtime. Children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 have free fruit on a daily basis. Thank you.

The SEND Local Offer

Lots of information and support for children and young people with SEND and their families, including:

- Education
- Health and wellbeing
- Family support
- Social care
- Preparing for adulthood
- Early help
- Things to do
- Education, health and care plan (EHCP)
- Travel and transport
- Financial support

local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk 0345 678 9063
www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/



If you need help accessing the Local Offer please speak to your school or local library.



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.

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Proud to be part of   Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Emotional wellbeing drop-in for children and young people under 25.

BEAM DROP-INS ARE HELD:

Monday	Sundorne Youth Centre, 218 Sundorne Road, Shrewsbury SY1 4RG	Open: 12pm Close: 4pm
Tuesday	9 Market Square, Wellington, Telford TF1 1BP	Open: 10am Close: 6pm
Thursday	9 Market Square, Wellington, Telford TF1 1BP	Open: 10am Close: 6pm
Saturday	9 Market Square, Wellington, Telford TF1 1BP	Open: 10am Close: 2pm

PLEASE NOTE: no sessions will be started during the last hour of our drop-ins. This means we cannot accept anyone into the service after 5pm on Tuesday & Thursday

Shropshirebeam@childrenssociety.org.uk

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Age ratings

There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/ photographs. One of the ways we can help keep our children safe online is by checking age restrictions/ratings as detailed below:

Films: The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rate films. This page includes a link to a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings': <https://www.cbbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online>.

Video games: PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration the chat facilities within games.

Apps: Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and use them yourself to check their suitability.

Social Media networks: All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+.

Roblox: New Checklist

PEGI rate Roblox with a 'Parental Guidance' label (icon shown right), this is because of the huge level of user generated content within Roblox. It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.

You can either use Roblox to create games or play games that other users have created. **As a lot of the content is user generated, it may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up Parental controls appropriate to your child.**

New Roblox Checklist

The 2023 Roblox Checklist created by SWGfL and the UK Safer Internet Centre in partnership with Roblox is now available to download here:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/new-roblox-checklist-available/>

Meta introduces more parental supervision tools

Meta have announced new features for some of their products. Firstly, they have added parental supervision to Messenger (users must be 13+), which includes the ability to see who your child interacts with. Also, Meta have added a feature to encourage teens to set time limits on Facebook (users must be 13+) and new parental supervision features on Instagram (users must be 13+). Find out more here:

<https://about.fb.com/news/2023/06/parental-supervision-and-teen-time-management-on-metas>