

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 24th June	All children (with the exception of Years 5 and 6) to come to school in school uniform please (No PE for this week only) Years 5 and 6 Educational Visit to Brown Moss
Tuesday 25th June	PE - Nursery, Reception, Year 4 and Year 5
Wednesday 26th June	PE - Year 1, Year 2 , Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6**
Thursday 27th June	PE - Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 Outdoor Learning Nursery Class and Reception Class Class Group Photographs (All children to come to school in school uniform and bring their PE kits with them please)
Friday 28th June	PE - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6** No Outdoor Learning for Year 1 for this week only Years 1 and 2 Educational Visit to Rhyl

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 and a waterproof coat).

**** Year 6 Children are to come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit with them on the days they have PE please ****

Sports Day

Thank you to the parents/carers who were able to join us for the KS2 Sports Day and the staff and Friends of Prees School who ensured the smooth running, and not forgetting the amazing children who supported or took part in the events.

Congratulations to the overall House winners Hill, who won both KS1 and KS2 Sports Day and Unwin who won in Nursery.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th June	Year 5 and 6 - Educational Visit to Whixall Moss
Thursday 27th June	Class Group Photographs
Friday 28th June	Year 1 and 2 Educational Visit to Rhyl
Monday 1st—Tuesday 2nd July	Year 6 transition days at Thomas Adams
Monday 1st—Wednesday 3rd July	Year 6 Transition days at Sir John Talbots
Tuesday 2nd July	Whole School Move Up Day
w/b 8th July	Olympic Week
Thursday 11th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service at St Chads Church, 2pm Disco - KS1: 6pm - 7pm ; KS2: 7.15pm - 8.30pm
Monday 15th—Wednesday 17th July	Year 6 Residential visit
Thursday 18th July	Break up for Summer holidays

Holiday Club



Holiday Club will once again be running during the Summer Holidays.

Bookings should be made on sQuid.

Parents/Carers using the Childcare Scheme/Vouchers should book by emailing knight.j@prees.shropshire.sch.uk

The club will be running on the following dates from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at a cost of £12 per day.

Friday 19th July

Monday 22nd July—Thursday 25th July

Monday 29th July —Thursday 1st August

Monday 5th August—Thursday 8th August

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>

Do your children eat little — no veg?



Does getting them to try new veg feel like a never-ending battle?

Simply Veg have a brand new FREE course to guide you through 7 simple steps to helping your child eat one more veg by the end.

Sign up here:

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

**** 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.

School Meals

Hot school meals are available daily at a cost of £2.35 (£1.65 for Nursery children) and payable via sQuid.

Children in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals.

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

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

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

Thank you.

Child absence

Please telephone school (01948 840209) by 9.30am 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 9.30am we will text you and then follow-up with a telephone call if we have still not heard from you by lunchtime.

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.

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, school starts at 8.50a.m.

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

St Chad's Church

Would your children like to attend church sometimes? Would you like to bring your children to church but worry that they are expected to sit still and listen?

Why not try the **special family service** at St Chad's Church on the third Sunday of the month at 10.50am?

Come and get involved with a craft activity and coffee/ chat time then the service begins at 11.00am. The service often involves young people, if they wish, and is more interactive, shorter and no one minds if a young person wants to return to their craft or speaks or wriggles! This service builds on successful Crib and Baptism services and the congregation are happy to see young people involved. Why not come along?

The next **Family worship** service is on Sunday 21st July at 10.50am.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Stay, Play and Chat

Prees C.E. Primary School & Nursery
every Wednesday

9.00am - 10.30am (during term time)

Children from 0-5 years, parents, carers, grandparents, friends, we look forward to you joining us on a Wednesday in our school hall.

Sessions are free.

Starting Nursery in September

If your child will have had their 2nd or 3rd birthday by the 31st August they can join Nursery in September 2024.

Please contact the office if you require a registration form.

Thank you.

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.

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](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/) can help you.

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/>



Parenting Helpline

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. Shropshire Council's Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

Do you have any questions around child development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Helpline where one of our trained Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen? Call 01743 250950 - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 12.30pm.

If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email: Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

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NHS children's appointments

- ◆ General dentistry
- ◆ Oral health education
- ◆ Saturday opening
- ◆ After-school appointments



Scan & Book your Appointment Here

Corser House, 17 Green End,
Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 1AD

www.spadental.co.uk/contact

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>

Shropshire
family
Information Service

Info, advice and support,
for families in Shropshire

Find us on:



Shropshire
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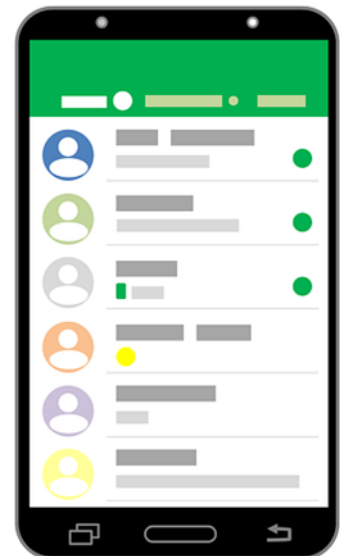
Chatting online

Following a recent report by the BBC detailing how a child was asked for inappropriate images when chatting online (source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-gloucestershire-68616730>), we thought we would discuss the dangers your child might face when communicating with strangers online.

In addition to social media apps that include a chat facility, most online games also allow communication, for example FIFA and Fortnite. Depending on the game, this may be via the in-game text chat, direct messages or talking through headphones. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off or restrict bad language so make sure settings are appropriate to your child are set up for each of the games they play. You need to be aware that there are people who may use these games to start chatting to your child and then encourage them to chat on alternative apps (which are more private, encrypted or have fewer safety options). Talk to your child about the dangers of doing this.

What risks are there with chatting online?

- Bullying
- Inappropriate chat – children may encounter explicit or inappropriate content.
- Contact from strangers – talk to your child about who is contacting them online.
- Sharing personal information – talk to your child about what information they share with others including images.



How can I mitigate the risks?

- Ensure your child is accessing age-appropriate apps/games and that appropriate parental controls are set up.
- Chat to your child about the risks above so they are aware of what can happen online.
- Depending on the age of your child, it may be more appropriate for devices to be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing and if they are chatting to others.

Reporting other users

It can be difficult to moderate online chat so ensure your child knows how to block and report others who make them feel uncomfortable and that they know to talk to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns.

Further information · <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/Online-contact-and-staying-safe/>