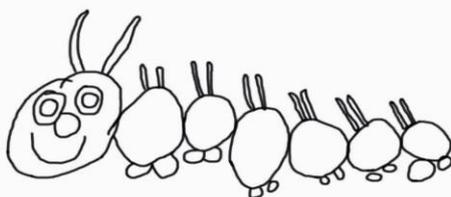


YSGOL DERWEN/ DERWEN FOUNDATION SCHOOL

'Developing Potential Through Educational Excellence'

WELCOME TO THE LOWER FOUNDATION SCHOOL



Flintshire Foundation Phase Team
Tîm Cyfnod Sylflaen Sir y Fflint

The Lower Foundation Staff look forward to welcoming your child into our school.

We provide a wide range of play equipment to encourage all aspects of children's development as well as providing activities to promote positive aspects of social behaviour.



All of our areas are designed to maximise your child's learning opportunities across the school curriculum



We trust that your child's stay in school will be a happy and enriching experience and we look forward to seeing you in September.

OUR OUTSIDE PLAY AREA



SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2021-2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Staff Training Day	Wednesday 1 September
Autumn Term Opens	Thursday 2 September
Half Term Closes	Friday 22 October
Half Term Opens	Monday 1 November
Term Closes	Tuesday 21 December
Bank Holiday ** (Queens Jubilee) **	Wednesday 22 December

**** Further details to follow Autumn Term ****

SPRING TERM 2022

Staff Training Day	Thursday 6 January
Staff Training Day	Friday 7 January
Spring Term Opens	Monday 10 January
Half Term Closes	Friday 18 February
Half Term Opens	Monday 28 February
Term Closes	Friday 8 April

SUMMER TERM 2022

Term Opens	Monday 25 April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 May
Half Term Closes	Friday 27 May
Half Term Opens	Monday 6 June
Term Closes	Friday 15 July
Staff Training Day	Monday 18 July
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 19 July
Staff Training Day	Wednesday 20 July

PLEASE NOTE: STAFF TRAINING DAYS ARE PROVISIONAL AND MAY CHANGE.



**FOUNDATION
Healthy Eating Snack**

As part of our healthy eating programme, a snack and a drink will be available for your child during the morning. All children will have a choice of L.E.A subsidised milk or water.

A typical menu will be a choice of fresh fruit and vegetable sticks.

If you wish your child to participate in the morning snack programme the cost will be as detailed below. Please complete the accompanying parental consent form.

Payments should be made at the beginning of each term. Please ensure your child's payment is in a labelled envelope. Cheques payable to Derwen Primary School or alternatively you may wish to use the School Gateway Service which enables you to pre-pay for your child's school snack.

If you wish to pay annually the total cost is £35.00. A £10.00 reduction due to the COVID19 closure earlier this year, and a £2.50 reduced cost incentive for full payment during first full week of the school year only.

Please complete and return the pro-forma below indicating your preferences.

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
02/09/2021 - 22/10/2021 <i>Free of Charge - see note below</i>	10/01/2022 - 08/04/2022	25/04/2022 - 15/07/2022
01/11/2021 - 21/12/2021 £9.25	£15.00	£13.50

The first half term will be free of charge due to the COVID19 closure earlier this year.

FOUNDATION - HEALTHY EATING SNACK

Child's Name Class

I wish my child to be given school snack

I wish my child to be given free school milk

Please indicate your preferred payment method

Termly Payment Annual Payment

Please Note: The two options will be on Gateway system. Please choose one option only.

Signed Parent

- *Please complete, detach and return to the Class Teacher on your child's first day in school.*

**PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR PROVISION OF HEALTHY EATING SNACK
AND FREE SCHOOL MILK**

Child's Name: Class:

I *would like/*would not like my child to participate with the Healthy Eating Snack provision.
(*Please delete as appropriate).

All Foundation children have the opportunity to be supplied with milk each day. The milk is provided free of charge under the National Legislation Free Milk Scheme.

I *would like/*would not like my child to participate with the Free Milk Scheme, (*Please delete as appropriate).

Please give details of any allergies:

.....
.....
.....
.....

Signed Parent

Date



Flintshire Foundation Phase Team
Tîm Cyfnod Sylflaen Sir y Fflint

SCHOOL MEAL PRICES 2021/2022

From 2nd September 2021 the cost of school meals will be:-

**Infants & Juniors will be £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week
(Three Week Menu Rotation starting Thursday 02/09/2021 - Week 1)**

If you wish to pay by the half term please refer to the table below. **In order for us to offer this option, payment must be received during the first school week of the half term.**

Cheques made payable to Derwen Primary School. **(Could you please ensure your cheque payment is for school meals only as we have a separate computer system and bank account for the school meal service)** or alternatively you may wish to use the School Gateway Service which enables you to pre-pay for your child's school meals.

AUTUMN TERM		SPRING TERM		SUMMER TERM	
Half Term 02/09/21- 22/10/21	Half Term 01/11/21- 21/12/21	Half Term 10/01/22- 18/02/22	Half Term 28/02/22- 08/04/22	Half Term 25/04/22- 27/05/22	Half Term 06/06/22- 15/07/22
37 days	37 days	30 days	30 days	24 days	30 days
£85.10	£85.10	£69.00	£69.00	£55.20	£69.00

Significant changes to the way the school manages the school meals system have been made. These changes have serious implications on the school finances. Under the new system all dinner money debts will have to be taken from our school funds, this means that families who do not pay their dinner money in a timely manner are jeopardising the school resources the school is able to buy for your children.

Meals must be paid for within the week that they are taken. Credit will not be given unless by prior agreement with the school office and this will only be provided in extreme circumstances.

Failure to pay for your school meals will result in the suspension of the school meals service.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free school meals will only be provided for pupils whose parents receive UNIVERSAL CREDIT, INCOME SUPPORT, INCOME BASED JOB SEEKERS ALLOWANCE, INCOME RELATED ELEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE, GUARANTEE PENSION CREDIT OR CHILD TAX CREDITS (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16190.00 or less. If you wish to apply for Free School Meals please contact www.flintshire.gov.uk/FSM in the first instance.

Schoolgateway



Visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com

July 2021

SCHOOL COMMS

You can make online payments to school via credit or debit card

Introducing the School Gateway App or website. This means you will be able to make online payments via the School Gateway smartphone app or website for school meals and educational visits.

The school has a separate account for school meals, only meal payments can be made here. You will be able to view school meal balances and top them up at any time to keep your account in credit.

Educational trips, snack etc can also be paid online and will be linked to your child's account.

Aside from saving the school time and money on administration, School Gateway will also make it easier for parents to pay any time 24-7 and reduce the amount of cash being carried by children on school premises.

What you need to do now

Activate your School Gateway account. It's quick and easy to do. All you need are your email address and mobile number that school holds on record for you.

□ **Download the app:** If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone).

OR

□ **Visit the website:** www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to log into School Gateway.

If you're having trouble logging in, it may be because the school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call the school and we'll update the details on our system.

We hope you will find School Gateway to be a fast and easy way to pay for school items.

DERWEN SCHOOL UNIFORM

2021- 2022

Provided By:

Important News on School Uniform Shopping

As term draws to a close, we're already looking ahead to September. Our uniform provider Monkhouse is working hard to make sure that despite the challenges posed by international shipping, Covid and Brexit, our parents will be able to find everything they need.

This is a reminder that the best way to ensure your child has all the uniform they need in good time for the start of the school year is to shop early, if this is possible for you,

Please book your appointment with Monkhouse now, preferably choosing an appointment in July or Early August.

To stay up to date with news on stock and special offers on uniform and accessories, please visit the website below.

Thank you for understanding. We know not all parents are able to shop early, but the challenges posed when large numbers of families shop in the last two weeks of August is something we are all keen to avoid. After what has been an interesting school year, please help us to help you to ensure we all return in September raring to go!

Remember, shop early for faster service and our full range of stock plus best offers.



Get in touch

Tel: 0161 476 7216 | Email: web@monkhouse.com | www.monkhouse.com

© Copyright 2021 F.R.Monkhouse Ltd, All rights reserved

[Unsubscribe](#)

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

We all feel proud to be members of Ysgol Derwen and in representing the school this is a message we are keen to communicate with the local and wider community. Please encourage your child to respect their uniform and to keep clean and smart at all times.

The School has its own uniform which all pupils (Nursery to Year 6) are strongly encouraged to wear. Most of the items can be obtained from chain stores.

If you would like your child to have the school logo on their uniform, these are available from Forrester by Monkhouse in Mold.

It would be most helpful if all main items of clothing are clearly labelled. This would greatly reduce the large amount of "lost property" which the school is left with each term. The school cannot take responsibility for lost belongings. Please also keep equipment bags as modest in size as possible as space within the school is limited.

Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery can be dangerous in some activities and is therefore not allowed at school. In order to comply with the LA and school's own Health and Safety Policy, jewellery is not permitted to be worn during P.E. and Games lessons. All forms of jewellery (bracelets, necklaces, earrings, rings etc.) should not be worn during school hours/visits when wearing school uniform.

Watches and earring studs only are permitted. Any child who cannot remove stud earrings for PE lessons, for whatever reason, must cover them with micropore tape. Watches must also be removed for P.E./Games activities.

Extreme Fashion Haircuts

Extreme fashion haircuts are actively discouraged e.g. tramlines, colours, Mohicans. Long hair (boys and girls) should be tied back at all times. We welcome your full support in these matters.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

(Nursery to Year 6)

BOYS

Autumn/Winter/Spring Terms

White shirt and school tie

or

Pale blue polo shirt.

Navy jumper or navy sweatshirt

Grey trousers (no jeans)

Footwear - **Black** shoes

Summer Term

Pale blue polo shirt

Grey trousers or shorts (no football shorts)

Footwear - **Black** shoes

GIRLS

Autumn/Winter/Spring Terms

White blouse or shirt and school tie

Navy jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan

Grey skirt or pinafore or grey **tailored** trousers

Footwear - **Black** shoes

(no slingbacks or high heels)

Summer Term

Blue striped (or gingham) dress

Pale blue polo shirt

White blouse

Footwear - **Black** shoes

P.E. (PHYSICAL EDUCATION) KIT

Boys and Girls - Indoor

Plain White T Shirt

Black Shorts

Footwear - black pumps or bare feet in hall

Dance/Drama

As above

Junior Boys and Girls - Outdoor Summer

White T Shirt

Black Shorts

Footwear - Trainers or pumps

Tracksuit or similar for colder weather

Junior Boys and Girls - Outdoor Winter

White T Shirt

Black Shorts & Socks

Tracksuit or similar

Footwear - Boots and Trainers

Foundation Phase - Indoor

Plain White T Shirt

Black Shorts

Footwear - black pumps or bare feet in hall

Foundation Phase - Outdoor

As for P.E. Kit

Tracksuit or similar for colder weather

Footwear - Trainers or Pumps

Swimming (Juniors only)

Swimming Trunks/Costumes

Towel & Swimming cap for longer hair

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- Please name all your child's clothing and belongings to avoid confusion.
- A change of clothing for your child to keep in school would be appreciated (including underwear).
- We discourage the bringing in of toys from home in case of loss or breakage.
- For Nursery children: named pumps/trainers or non-slip shoes are required from January onward when children are encouraged to take part in P.E. sessions.
- For Reception children: a named P.E kit will be required from September.
- Children will have access to the outdoor classroom at all times of the year. 'All in One' rain suits and wellington boots are provided by school. The children's own coats should be worn to school as normal.
- Our main topic in the first half term will be 'All About Me'. We will be exploring themes such as families, growing and changing, homes, pets and the environment.

For Nursery pupils only - please complete the 'All About Me' worksheet with your child and return it to school on their first day of attendance in September. It would be helpful if all children could bring a selection of no more than 3 family photos. From time to time we will be asking parents to contribute to these learning opportunities by extending their learning at home.

- We provide a variety of snacks with either milk or water, with emphasis on healthy eating. There is a small charge if you wish your child to participate.