

Clinton Primary School



**Moving from Key Stage 1
to Key Stage 2**

Introduction

The purpose of this booklet is to explain some changes that happen as your child transfers from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2.

Key Stage 2 is the longest of all the key stages, which go through to GCSE, and beyond. It represents a time when children develop their skills in becoming more independent in making choices and also as learners.

As your child progresses through Key Stage 2, we aim to provide them with a variety of experiences to enrich their education – music tuition, swimming lessons and residential visits, to name a few.

For further details about the general school routines, please refer to the Parents' Handbook.

School Sessions

Children in Key Stage 2 have a longer school day, as follows:

Morning: 8.50am – 12.05pm

Afternoon: 1.00pm – 3.15pm

Doors open 10 minutes before registration so that your child can be settled for work as soon as the school time starts.

It is imperative children arrive in good time for registration as work such as spelling or mental maths are often carried out whilst the teacher is taking the register.

Children who arrive after registration has closed will receive a late mark.

End of school

If there is an occasion when you are unavoidably delayed at the end of school, please telephone the school and we will ensure your child stays safe with us.

Unlike Key Stage 1, where the class teacher will check there is an adult waiting in the playground before letting the children out of the class, we expect year 3 pupils to leave the class on their own and go straight to the adult waiting for them. They are told to return to class if there is no-one to collect them.

We do not expect children in years 3 and 4 to go home without an adult.

In Key Stage 2 there is no afternoon break.

In Year 3, we encourage children to come into the classroom on their own and take responsibility for sorting bags, homework, coats etc. Obviously, we do not want this to cause distress to any child and therefore this may take longer for some children to get used to.

Morning Break

Children in Key Stage 2 do not have milk or fruit under the free fruit scheme. Children should bring a piece of fruit from home.

Whilst there is a water fountain situated outside the class, children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure they take it home at the end of each day for washing.

Curriculum

Coverage

As with all years, you will receive information about the content of the curriculum at the start of each term.

Swimming

As part of the National Curriculum all children are expected to take part in swimming lessons. Each year group goes swimming for half a term over the course of a term.

We ask that children are in school for 8.20am, as they leave school to walk to the pool at 8.30.

Children are taught by qualified pool instructors, in accordance with local authority policy.

We adhere to the pool's policy for swimwear: boys' shorts must come above the knee; girls must wear a one-piece costume.

If, for any medical reason, your child is unable to swim, they are still expected to walk to the pool with their class.

PE

In Key Stage 2 children are more likely to go outside for PE lessons during the winter months. We therefore encourage children to bring tracksuits in. We ask that they are predominantly plain black or blue. They will also need outdoor footwear, either pumps or trainers.

Please name all uniform!

Music

As part of the school's commitment to music, **CHIME** contributes towards providing your child with free recorder lessons each Wednesday afternoon. Your child will be given a recorder and book on loan for the duration of the time they play recorders. Should they lose these, we will ask you to pay for a replacement.

Homework

In line with the school's policy on homework, you will receive a leaflet at the start of the year outlining the detail of when homework is given and when it should be handed in.

Reading and spelling

All children will be at different points in their reading; some will be fully independent, others will still need a lot of adult support and encouragement. In Year 3 children will have a reading journal where we encourage them to record details about their reading habits. These will be monitored by the class teacher. Spelling journals are sent home each week to support their homework tasks. Further explanations for both of these journals are given at the start of the year.

Accessories

As children progress through the school, they may need a bag.

For children in Years 3 and 4, small school backpacks are available from the school office. We do not have space in school for large backpacks. Children do not need to bring pencils or pens in from home as these are all provided.

Communication

We try our very best to communicate information to you in a range of ways. However, from time to time, this doesn't work as well as it should. If you have any concerns, please come in to see the class teachers, or contact the school office— we shall do our very best to help you. As you will know, a school newsletter is produced each Thursday and is sent home with the youngest child in each family. Newsletters and other information may be viewed on the school's website. The website address is www.clinton.warwickshire.sch.uk

Parents' Evenings

We encourage children in Key Stage 2 to be involved in discussions about their progress and learning. We ask you therefore to bring them to parents' evenings. If, however, for any reason you do not feel it appropriate to do so, that will not be a problem. It's for you to decide.

Uniform

You will be familiar with the requirements, but the following information is included as a reminder.

We encourage children to take care in their appearance and to wear our school uniform. We believe school dress helps children develop pride in themselves and their school.

We recommend:

Trousers	grey or black
Shorts	grey
Skirt/ Pinafore dress	grey
Summer dress	blue gingham
Blouse	white
Polo shirt	white
Sweatshirt/ Cardigan	royal blue (Clinton)
Socks	white or grey
Shoes	black/ brown - low heels
Sandals (Summer only)	black/brown/white - low heels

Fleece (outdoor wear only) Royal Blue (Clinton)

PE and Games Kit

T shirt	white
Shorts	black/ navy
Tracksuit (KS2only)	plain navy/ black
Pumps/ trainers	outdoor use only

Indoor lessons are normally taken barefoot.

The following items may be ordered via the school office. An order is placed on a weekly basis with our uniform supplier, and items are normally delivered the following week.

Sweatshirts/ cardigans
Polo shirts
T shirts
PE shorts
Backpacks (small for Y3 / Y4, larger size available for Y5 / Y6)

Book bags and PE bags are available direct from the school office.

Please note that wearing jewellery is strongly discouraged. Children with pierced ears must wear stud-type earrings only. No responsibility can be taken for accidents caused by any kind of jewellery.

Please ensure ALL items of clothing are clearly named, including trainers and pumps