



## Fleet Wood Lane School



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### News in School

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a change in the weather we have seen in the last week – it seems that almost every season has made an appearance! I was delighted to return to school this morning and wish to thank everyone who sent me well wishes for my mum. It was very kind, and I am very grateful.

The school year has really started well – the children are settled into their classes and the routines of the day. Each day the children start with maths, number sense in Reception and Year 1, with times tables being the focus for the rest of the school. We have a target to increase knowledge and recall of these very important maths facts. The early signs are very positive, so please do help them to learn their times tables at home too.

It was pleasing, on my first day on the gate this year, to see so many people arriving in good time, wearing their uniform proudly. Good time keeping is an essential life skill, so setting these habits early is really helpful, as is dressing for the occasion. Please do remember that our uniform policy requests charcoal grey trousers/skirts NOT black. Children also need to wear black school shoes NOT trainers please. Many thanks.

#### Reading Questionnaires

Thank you to all of you who have already returned your reading questionnaires. If yours is still at home, please do complete and return before Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 – Thank you.



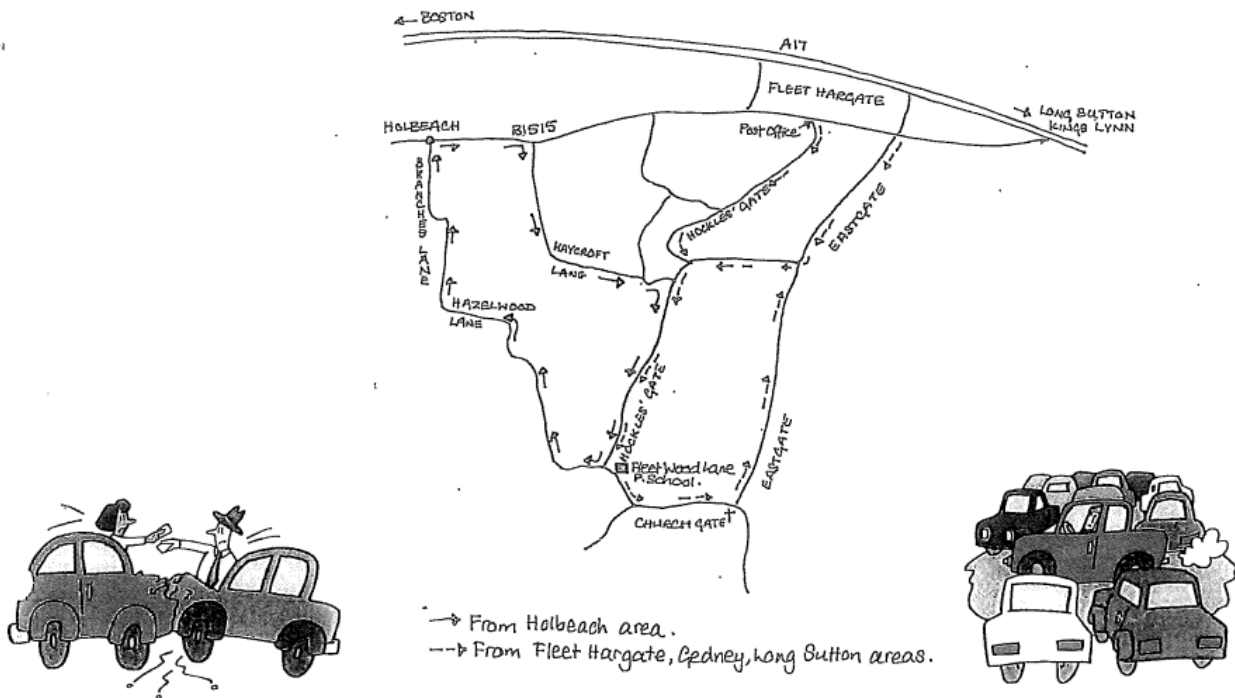
#### Individual Photos – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

This Friday is photo day! Please ensure that everyone comes with their best hair-do and widest smiles.

## Road Safety – Be Careful for our Children – Be Careful for our Neighbours

On a less positive note, we have received a complaint from a local resident who is very concerned regarding the speed of vehicles around the school at dropping off and picking up time. We know and love the idyllic setting in which the school exists, but this setting does mean that the roads to and from the school need to be navigated with care. For everyone's safety, please be considerate of our neighbours, other drivers and the safety of all when you are travelling to and from school. Please ensure that you take note of the speed limits and comply with them. The majority of Branches Lane is 30mph . Thank you.

A quick reminder of the informal one way system – please do try to use this to minimise congestion.



## Keeping Healthy

I have recently been contacted by the Lincolnshire Health Protection Team in relation to Infection Prevention and Control. They thought it would be appropriate to offer seasonal advice for managing infectious diseases in childcare and education settings and I thought that it would be useful to share this information with you.

### Influenza

All children in school years from Reception to Year 11 are eligible for the Influenza vaccine this year. The majority will be offered the nasal spray. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have produced a useful infographic which identifies which flu vaccine children should have and can be accessed [here](#).

We are waiting to hear from the School Immunisation Team regarding the date that they will visit the school. Once we have this information we will forward the necessary parental consent forms for your completion and return.

### Scarlet Fever and Chickenpox

During the Winter period of 2022/23 we saw high levels of both suspected and confirmed scarlet fever cases. Most cases of scarlet fever are mild, and children recover quickly following appropriate treatment. Complications are rare, but there is an increased risk of serious illness if the child has recently had chickenpox. More information regarding scarlet fever can be found on the [NHS website](#).

Scarlet Fever is a notifiable illness, and all cases must be reported to UKHSA. The UKHSA East Midlands Health Protection Team. Please do ensure that you notify us immediately if your child is diagnosed with Scarlet Fever.



### Measles

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccine uptake rates for routine childhood programmes have fallen globally. Coverage for the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination programme in the UK has also fallen to the lowest level in a decade. There has been a reported rise in the number of measles cases in the UK, therefore the Lincolnshire Health Protection team are encouraging everyone to ensure that they are covered with two doses of the MMR vaccine. If your child has not yet had both of their MMR vaccinations, these can be requested through the GP.

### Attendance

Increasing levels of school attendance continues to be a key Government target and we have had a great start to the year with the average whole school attendance sitting above the target of 96%. It would be wonderful to see us maintaining that as we move through the year.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like any further information regarding the contents of this letter or any other aspect of your child's education. I am very much looking forward to my mum being recovered, so I can get back to school as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Michelle Parker  
Head Teacher





## Fleet Wood Lane - Our Uniform

### Girls

Red sweatshirt jumper/cardigan (school logoed or plain)

White or red polo shirt

Dark grey (charcoal) or black trousers, dress, skirt or school shorts

Red and white checked dress

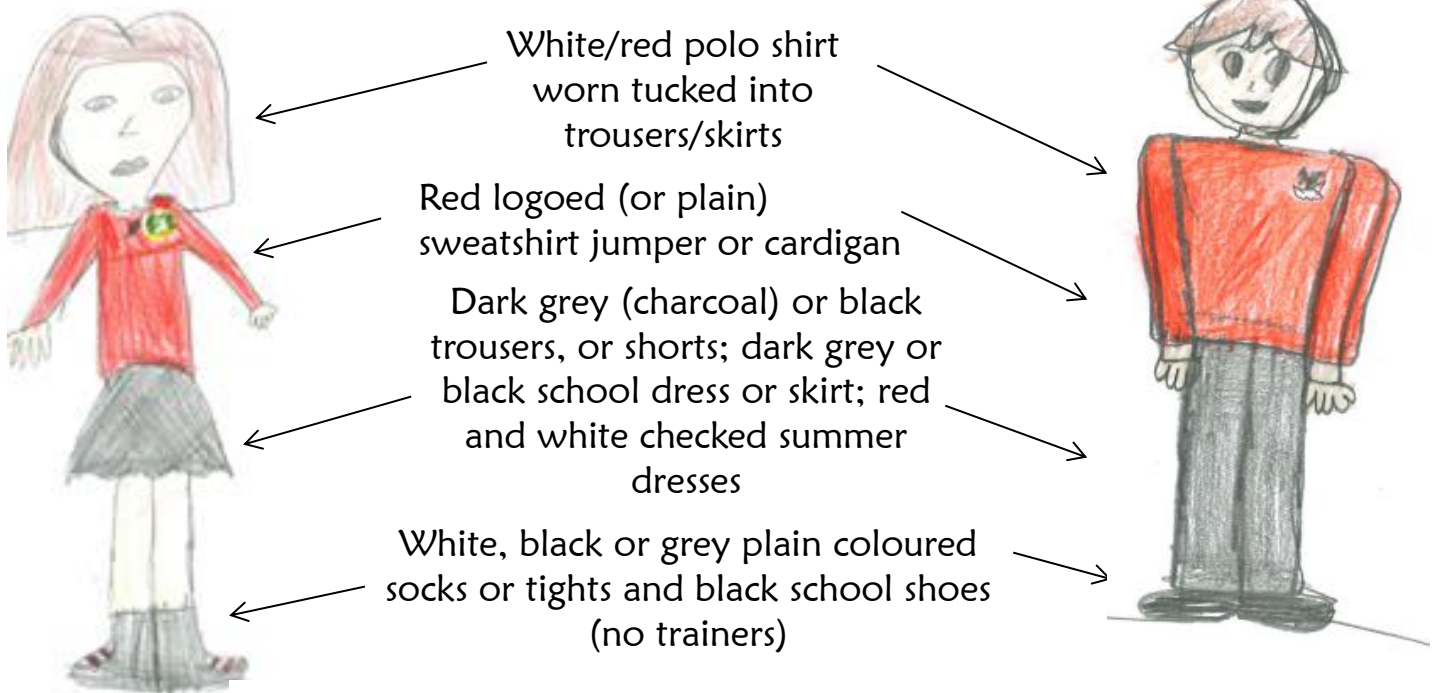
Red fleece jacket (outside wear)

### Boys

Red round-neck sweatshirt jumper (school logoed or plain)

White or red polo shirt

Dark grey (charcoal) or black trousers or school shorts



### Outdoor shoes/wellington boots

As we use the outdoor field at playtimes – in all seasons – your child will need a spare pair of shoes/trainers in school to change into at playtime. Wellingtons are needed in wet/winter weather, as the field can be muddy.

### PE Kit

Plain navy-blue or school logoed T-shirt and navy-blue shorts for indoor lessons.

Children will also need trainers, navy-blue tracksuit or warm navy-blue leggings worn with a plain navy sweatshirt for outdoor games.

Fleece jackets, logoed jumpers/cardigans, logoed PE T-shirts, PE shorts, drawstring PE bags and book bags bearing the school logo, are available from Shotbowl.

