



Clowne Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a wonderful summer break. The staff have been very busy at school today, ensuring we are ready to welcome the children. I know this will be a busy weekend as you finalise those last few details for Monday. If you need any reminders, our 2026-27 prospectus has lots of information, including Mini-miners, uniform expectations and curriculum coverage.

https://www.clownejuniorschool.co.uk/docs/School_Prospectus_2026_2027.pdf

Drop-off and Collection Arrangements

Independence is a vital life skill that we strive to promote, and children can develop this skill during drop-off and pick-up times. Here is the key information regarding drop off and collection:

- Registration of children, indicating the start of the school day, will be **8:50 am** for ALL year groups. Children will enter the school at **8:45 am**, and for safety reasons, doors will be locked.
- The school gate will open in the morning (**8:30 am, for Magic Breakfast**) and in the afternoon (**3:00 pm**). Please ensure all family members are aware of this, including those who walk across to the Infant School.
- The end of the school day is **3:10 pm** for ALL children
- At the end of the day, children will be brought out to their designated collection spot. Please **make sure your child knows which location they need to be at**. Y3JS are leaving via their classroom door on the playground. Y3AS/RMJ and 4AC/SL will leave via the hall doors and Y4NW/KF via the dining room. Y3AT and Y4MM will leave via their cloakroom. Year 5 and Y6 will exit via the classroom doors onto the playground.
- **For safety reasons, Parents are NOT allowed to enter the school through the cloakrooms.**

Attendance, Lateness and Term-time Leave

It doesn't matter how much effort teachers put into lessons and learning if children don't attend every day. It is important that children are in school, especially at the start of the day when we teach reading – a core skill. The Government emphasises attendance during inspections. We strictly enforce our attendance policy, including fines and monitoring where necessary. INSET days are aligned with holidays to allow for slightly cheaper breaks. The INSET days for the upcoming year are listed on our website:

<https://www.clownejuniorschool.co.uk/Parents/Yearly-Calendar-Term-Dates/>

Clowne Junior School – Yearly Calendar & 'Costing Guide'

In the first week, we will finalise our 2026-2027 calendar and share it with parents, along with a costing guide. We recognise the ongoing financial challenges families face due to rising living costs. Our curriculum aims to be broad and engaging, including exciting trips, guest speakers, and events, which incur costs. The guide estimates expenses on a half-term basis to help families plan; all prices are approximate and may change. Many events also offer donation options so please only give what you can afford to.

What's new

Website

We've launched our lovely new website. All the key information for parents can be found under the 'Parents' tab.

<https://www.clownejuniorschool.co.uk/Parents/>

Mobile Phones

The Government has introduced a new Mobile Phone policy for schools to follow. As part of this policy, children



must store their phones securely as soon as they enter the school grounds. We will explain the procedure to children on Monday 7th. Any child who does not hand in their phone will have it removed and securely stored until an adult can collect it.

Dojo Messages

Over the last year, we have seen a growing volume of messages sent outside school hours, along with updates (such as absences or illnesses) sent via chat. This change ensures our office team receives and acts on critical information immediately.

You can continue to communicate with us through the following channels:

- **Email:** Send enquiries directly to enquiries@clowne-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk
- **Phone:** Call the main school office for all matters, including urgent issues such as illness and absence notifications.
- **In Person:** Catch staff for a chat on the yard before or after school. Senior leaders are always available at the main gate and on the playground every morning.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support as we work to keep communication efficient.

More information about some exciting changes to school will form part of our first newsletter, which will be emailed on Friday 11th September.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Warm regards,



Mrs. Newton-Wall
Headteacher