



Newsletter

12th January 2024

Happy New Year!



Welcome back for the start of our Spring term! We wish you all a happy and healthy new year. We have lots of exciting topics, visits and events planned for the children this term. Take a look at your class newsletters which have been sent home and posted on Google Classroom (Years 1-6) today.

Have we got your contact details?



Please let us know if you need to update your **emails**, **phone numbers** or **addresses** so that we can contact you in emergencies and so that you receive important school communications.

Have you heard a fellow parent mention they aren't receiving emails, newsletters or communications from school? If so, please tell them to let us know so that we can resolve it asap!

The Big Ambition



The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, is using **The Big Ambition** survey to take the views of children and young people to the Government. She would like to hear from all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. Adults can answer on behalf of a child or young person. If you have a few minutes and would like to take part, the link is [here](#). The deadline for contributions is Friday 19th January.

Wellbeing Champions

As part of our school development priorities this year, we are working on **resilience**. With this in mind, our Year 5 pupils will next week undertake Wellbeing Champions training with our Mental Health in Education Advisor from the Local Authority. Wellbeing Champions is an effective way of improving wellbeing amongst children, with older pupils helping their peers to grow and build friendships, and to be a listening ear if they want to talk about their worries or feelings. Wellbeing Champions can help their fellow pupils with their resilience to resolve problems or signpost them to an adult if they need more help. We look forward to our Year 5 pupils attending their training and then putting their new skills into practice over the coming year.

Wintry Weather!



The rain has stopped... but the temperature has dropped! Thank you for ensuring your child always has a warm waterproof coat (and hat and gloves if needed) as we go outside in all weathers!

In the event of SNOW, we will follow the procedures outlined in our Extreme Weather Policy attached below.

Uniform Expectations



We are very proud of our 'Friezland Green' and we have a code of dress which all families are asked to adhere to. We have started to see a decline in uniform expectations, particularly on PE days, and an increase in the number of pupils wearing nail varnish, jewellery and long hair loose. Please could we ask that you refer to the uniform information attached below and support us with maintaining our high expectations. Make sure that your children's clothes are named so that they can be reunited with their owner if misplaced! Thank you.

Primary School Places 2024

If your child is due to start school in **September 2024**, please ensure you have applied for a place before the deadline of **15th January 2024**.

If you have an OLDHAM postcode, click [here](#) to apply.

If you have a TAMESIDE postcode, click [here](#) to apply.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

January

17th Year 5 Wellbeing Champions Training

18th Year 3 & 4 Girls 5-a-side Football comp

February

5th Healthy Me Week: E-Safety (includes visitor workshops)

7th Young Voices – KS2 choir concert

14th Freddy Fit visit – whole school

16th Last day of term

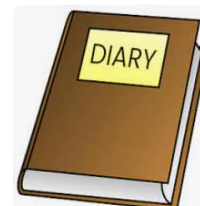
26th First day of spring 2 term

March

14th Parent's Evening 1

19th Parent's Evening 2

28th Outdoor Learning Day / Last Day of term



Friezland Primary School

Extreme Weather: Policy and Procedures

In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow, the prime concern of the school will always be the **safety of the pupils and staff**.

The decision as to whether or not to send a pupil to school must be at the discretion of the parents, taking into account factors such as distance to travel, transport availability and local road conditions.

Members of staff are asked to make every effort to get to school although again, in severe conditions, they must make a judgement about the safety of travelling. They may also have to take into account child care issues if their child's nursery / school is closed.

In the event of heavy snow:

- The risk assessment's main factors are based on: whether the Senior Leadership Team, caretaker and kitchen staff can get into school, staff numbers, ratio of staff to pupils and whether safety standards can be maintained.
- School will send a text message via **Eduspot Accounts** as soon as a risk assessment has been carried out (in most cases by 7:45am) to confirm whether school will be open or not and to advise on the condition of Church Road and High Grove Road.
- If the decision made is that it is safest to close school, the Head teacher will liaise with the Chair of Governors and inform the Local Authority (VIP Suite) and staff as well as local radio stations (if applicable).
- If school is open, parents are responsible for the safe journey of their own family. We suggest *Park and Stride* when local roads are icy. Registration will remain open until 9:30am in order to support a safe arrival. Parents and staff are asked to think carefully about parking, taking extra care and consideration for other road users and pedestrians.
- School will endeavour to proceed with a normal timetable. However, if the number of teaching staff or pupils is deemed too small, an alternative programme of events will be organised; this will inevitably include a longer break time in which to enjoy the snow (if it is safe to do so).
- Children should always come to school with a warm outdoor coat, gloves, hat and boots or wellies. Without appropriate clothing, children will not be allowed outside.
- On days when snow is falling / the playground is covered in snow, children not attending breakfast club will come straight into school via their designated entry point (if safe) without having to wait for their official start of the day time.
- School will provide text updates at appropriate times throughout the day should the weather worsen.
- If snow continues to fall, school will inform parents that an early pick-up may be permissible if parents feel it would be safer to collect children earlier. Parents should assess their personal arrangements including route / transport etc. School entry / exit points may be adjusted to support the safety of all.
- In extreme conditions, school may make the decision to close during the school day and will request collection of all children as soon as is possible.

- All children leaving before the end of the normal school day (3:20pm) must be signed out by a staff member, using class lists.
- When ice or snow hampers movement around school, in order to minimise the risk of injury to staff, pupils and parents, the caretaker will decide which paths to open and provide signage. It may be safer to leave some gates shut. Users should always stick to the gritted paths for their own safety. School will endeavour to communicate gate closures via text.
- Families, staff and visitors should always be aware of the potential of snow falling from the roof.
- Prior to pupils being allowed to play outside, staff will remind them where to play and how to play safely.
- It may be necessary to cancel before or after school activities / clubs and this may include FROSTIES. Parents will be notified of this as soon as a decision is made.
- It is very important that school always has up to date contact information for parents/carers.
- At least two members of staff will always remain on site until the last child has been collected.
- Children will only be handed over to their own parents or identified adult (two-word pass-code will be requested if adult is unknown).
- If school is closed, parents will be updated on a daily basis.
- In the event of a school closure, remote learning will be established via Google Classrooms as soon as is possible (staff may be on site when the decision is made and will need to get home safely in the first instance).

All decisions made will be based on the safety of pupils and staff and we thank all concerned for their patience, co-operation and understanding.

Friezland Primary School Uniform Expectations

The Governing Board of Friezland Primary School have agreed a code of dress which all families are asked to adhere to. It includes:

School Uniform	PE Kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green sweatshirt or cardigan with or without school logo • Navy blue fleece jacket with or without school logo (optional) • Green or white <u>polo-shirt</u> with or without school logo, <u>white blouse or shirt</u> • Navy blue skirt, pinafore dress, trousers or shorts • Light green checked summer dress / playsuit (optional) • Plain school socks / tights, navy, black or white • Sensible black or navy school shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friezland <u>crew neck</u> white or green PE t-shirt with school logo / plain • PE navy blue shorts / skort • Black pumps (for indoor lessons) • Trainers (for outdoor lessons) • Navy blue track suit with school logo / plain navy blue tracksuit or leggings. <p>Swimming (Years 3 & 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-piece swim suit • Swimming trunks / shorts no longer than mid-thigh • Swimming cap for those with long hair

Accessories

- Green book bag with school logo for Class 1 & 2 pupils (available from school office only).
- Refillable water bottle (available from school office).
- Friezland navy blue baseball cap with logo (optional).
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Jewellery, make-up or nail polish should not be worn in school.
- Small studs are allowed for pierced ears. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons.
- Normal watches are permitted. Smart watches are not permitted.
- No extreme haircuts/styles e.g. shaved patterns.

We are very proud of our Friezland green and love it when our children wear the colour as part of their uniform!

Items with our school logo can be purchased from: **Simply Schoolwear**, Chew Valley Road, Greenfield, Oldham, OL3 7JJ. 01457 872515.

OR

www.myclothing.com Our school logo items are available for direct delivery to your home.

<https://myclothing.com/collections/friezland-primary-school-28009>

We actively encourage families to shop around for the best value non-logo items. Many supermarkets now stock green items similar to our Friezland green.

Please put your child's name in ALL items of clothing, either in permanent pen or with name labels.