



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 2

Monday 11th September 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year. I hope that everyone has had a happy and healthy summer. Six weeks flies by far too quickly when you are having fun!

I have enjoyed precious time with my family and friends, although I have definitely drunk too many flavoured iced coffees and boba teas. I have enjoyed reading books and taking Nelly-Tiger, my cockapoo, for walks with my girls. Nelly loves to run on the beach and she is getting braver with the sea. My oldest daughter, Blossom, achieved excellent GCSE outcomes this summer and has started working towards A-Levels in her school sixth form. My youngest daughter, Tabitha, will be choosing her GCSE courses this year. Where do all the years go? Enjoy your children while they are young!

This is my 24th year at Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School. I am feeling refreshed and ready for another action packed and successful year at school with our fantastic school community.

Welcome back to the families that we know so well and a special warm welcome to the new families that we are looking forward to getting to know.

Our Key Stage one children returned to school last Tuesday. It was so great to see the children return to school so much taller than they were in July! It has been lovely to meet the new babies that were born over the summer too! I have seen lots of smiles, new shoes and children 'ready to learn'. There were only a few tears but it hopefully won't be too long before these children feel settled again in their new classes. I have seen some yawns too, but it hopefully won't be too long before we all get back into the swing of a good school routine again. Together, we tried to stay cool when it was so incredibly hot!

The new children in nursery and in our reception classes are settling so well and learning the routines and expectations about how we do things at school. What a great start! Thank you for your support.

School has been so quiet for 6 weeks and it's fantastic for it to be full of little stars again. All **the school doors open at 8:40am** and our staff will be ready to greet your children with a smile and a warm welcome. All children should be in school by 8:50am when registers are taken.

Please ensure that your children stay on the path with you as you arrive at and leave school as **we are politely asking that you do not allow your children to play in the Nursery and Reception outdoor areas before and after school.** As you approach school, you should use the path. The grassed bank has an uneven surface, it's much safer to stay on the path.

I will be sharing the outcomes from our June 2023 parent questionnaire in the coming weeks. The responses were overwhelmingly positive and I am extremely grateful for the respect and appreciation shown to our full staff team, who work tirelessly to create a wonderful school environment for children to grow, develop and learn. If you ever have any queries or feedback, please get in touch with me.

Kind regards, *Mrs C Diffin* Headteacher

Cavendish Close Infant
School (CCIS)

Our School Vision

When our children
move on from us, we
want them to be:

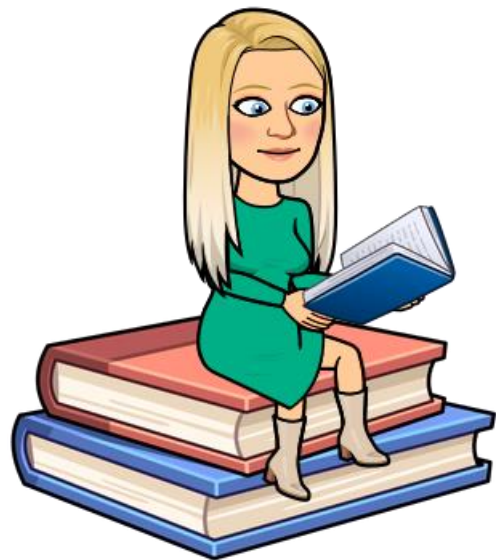


Dear Cavendish Close Children,



Be ready for school every day by bringing a coat with a hood, a sun hat and your book bag. If you are new to school, you can buy your first book bag from the office. Have you got a PE kit ready and in school?

If you have had a break from reading in the summer, get back into a good routine of finding time to enjoy reading every day. Don't forget a bedtime story to help you settle down for a good night's sleep.



You Can Do It!



Coming to school every day that you are well is really important. Please be an Attendance HERO (Here Every day, Ready and On time) this year. Every day at school counts. Be the best that you can be.

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x

A reminder of key useful information

- ✓ We have a **Breakfast Club** from 7:45am and an **After School Club** until 5:45pm. Email Mrs Roberts for more information. Clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk
- ✓ Children are **not allowed to ride bikes or scooters** on school premises for safety reasons.
- ✓ Your child needs a **waterproof coat with a hood** and a **sun hat** every day. Please ensure that all your child's clothes are named.
- ✓ Your child will need **sturdy school shoes** every day. Heels, slip on shoes and sandals are not allowed as they are not safe for outdoor play and PE.
- ✓ Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children need a PE kit in school every day. Children need a **drawstring bag** (not a rucksack) with a **white T-shirt** and a **pair of black or navy shorts** – both named. Pumps are not required as children will go to the hall in their shoes and take part in indoor PE with bare feet.
- ✓ Children are **not allowed to wear jewellery** to school. Only one single pair of studs is allowed.
- ✓ Your child should not bring any belongings, toys, or resources into school from home.
- ✓ Your child needs to bring their **bookbag and diary** to school every day. Please use our wallet style bookbags with small handles. Avoid buying your own bulky satchel style bag with a strap as these do not fit in drawers easily. Your child can have **one keyring** on their bookbag if they would like.
- ✓ Your child has their own **water bottle** in their classroom and a **piece of fruit** is available every day at snack time. Your child should not bring any drinks or snacks from home.
- ✓ We encourage as many Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children as possible to have a 'funded' **school dinner**. Our meals are made on site by our catering team. You can access our menu so that you and your child know what to expect for dinner every day. Our menu is based on our children's favourite meals. Your child will be well supported at dinner time. If there is a day where you know your child will not enjoy a school dinner, they can bring a healthy packed lunch and a drink.
- ✓ Children are encouraged to **read daily** at home with an adult signing the reading diary so that children can progress on the 'Reading Rainbow'. To build children's fluency and independence, it is helpful for them to read their books more than once.
- ✓ Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children can access **Numbots** and **Education City** using their own log in details and continue learning at home.

Our uniform plays a key role in promoting the ethos of our school. It provides children with a sense of belonging and identity and sets an appropriate tone for education.

- **School logo jumper/cardigan** (branded) or **Royal blue jumper/cardigan** (generic)
- **White polo t-shirt**
- **Black/grey pinafore dress, skirt, trousers, shorts**
- **Black/grey/white tights, socks**

Seasonal changes:

- Royal blue gingham dresses during hotter weather

Every day at school counts

Enable your child to achieve their best educational outcomes by being an...

Attendance HERO.

Please do not book any term time holidays during this academic year as holiday absence will be unauthorised and parents/carers risk being fined by Derby City Council.

Securing good attendance and punctuality is a key priority for our school this year.

Mrs Asghar is our Attendance Leader and she will be carefully tracking children's attendance where it falls below our school target of 96%.

Here

Every day,

Ready and

On time

Every day, our children work towards our STAR expectations:



Children's birthdays



We are always pleased to celebrate children's birthdays in school. Children can wear a birthday badge to school and they can bring a favourite birthday card to share with their class. We are great at singing 'Happy Birthday' and we love to hear about presents, parties and birthday cakes. Being at school on your birthday is really special.

As part of our commitment to being an accredited Healthy School, we do not allow children to bring sweets, lollies or cake etc into school to share with the class. Please save these sweet treats for home, parties and out of school. Thank you

Safety on Wood Road



Please play your part and help to keep our school community safe.

- ✓ Please park considerately away from school and walk. Do not park in front of the gates or on the zigzag lines. Do not park on corners, on pavements or blocking driveways at all. If you need to drive to school, then park safely and considerately away from school and walk. Please allow sufficient time for this.
- ✓ Please drive slowly on Wood Road. Do not make a 'U-Turn' on Wood Road outside school – this is not safe or considerate. Do not stop in the middle of the road to drop off adults and children. Do not mount the kerbs to park on the pavements.
- ✓ Please keep moving when walking and keep the paths clear. Do not gather or wait by the gates – this is not a helpful meeting point.
- ✓ Please do not stand and smoke by the Wood Road gates. This is not the welcome we want for our families. Please be considerate. Smoking and vaping are not allowed on the school site.

Derby City Council Public Protections Officers and members of our Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team do visit us occasionally so that we can challenge parents and carers who do not drive, park, or behave safely on Wood Road.

Our School Learning Values

Our children all learn how to be super star learners by following our learning values. These are the learning behaviours that we value the most at our school. These characters are from our Power Maths scheme and they help learn how to be super star learners.



1. We think of **good** ideas.
2. We think of **different** ways to do things.



3. We are **confident** to try challenges.
4. We **learn** from mistakes.



5. We always try our best.
6. We are **resilient**, we keep on trying.



7. We enjoy finding out and **exploring**.
8. We ask **clever** questions.



9. We ask for **help** when we need it.
10. We are happy to **teach** our friends.

Our School Behaviour Values

These are the behaviours that we value the most at our school. Every day in school grown-ups teach and model these values. Children practise and demonstrate these behaviours and they are rewarded for showing good behaviour. Children's behaviour at our school is good. Mrs Vincett is our Inclusion Leader. Miss Luke is our Behaviour and Attitudes Leader. Mrs Orme is our Personal Development Leader.



We support a number of children with identified social, emotional and mental health needs in school. These children have special educational needs. We have significant expertise in working with families and external agencies to enable these children to succeed at our community school.

Kind hands

Kind feet

Kind words

Class Teams for 2023.24

Headteacher: Mrs Diffin

Inclusion Leader: Mrs Vincett

Early Years Foundation Stage Leader: Mrs Howett

Mrs Howett is our **Deputy Headteacher**

Nursery Class

Nursery	Mrs Howett, Mrs Orme, Mrs Mosley, Mrs Bee	Happy Hedgehogs
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Reception Classes

Class 1	Mrs Carter, Miss Cunliffe	Sociable Squirrels
Class 2	Miss Brown, Mrs Gadsby, Miss Carroll	Bold Butterflies
Class 3	Miss Doxey, Mrs Redfern	Curious Caterpillars

Key Stage 1 Leader: Mrs Asghar

Mrs Asghar is our **Assistant Headteacher**

Year 1 Classes

Class 5	Mrs Merriman, Miss Stafford	Determined Dragonflies
Class 6	Miss Marley, Mrs Mills	Respectful Robins

Mixed Year 1 and 2 Class

Class 4	Mrs Asghar, Miss Richardson, Miss Flynn	Resilient Rabbits
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Year 2 Classes

Class 7	Miss Luke, Mrs Edwards	Brave Badgers
Class 9	Miss Harker, Mrs Taylor	Dynamic Deer

Higher Level Teaching Assistants: Mrs Roberts and Mrs Smalley

Mrs Roberts and Mrs Smalley cover classes across school.

Learning Mentors: Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie

Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie support classes and children from all four year groups. They lead our dinner time provision.

School Day Timings for 2023.24

In Nursery, children access full time (30 hour) or part time (15 hour) places.

Part time places are offered at the beginning or the end of the week.

Beginning of the week: Monday and Tuesday (full days) and Wednesday morning.

End of the week: Wednesday afternoon and Thursday and Friday (full days).

	Door opens	Registration	Home Time
Nursery Full Days	8:40am	8:50am	2:50am
Wednesday Morning Half Day	8:40am	8:45am	11:45am
Wednesday Afternoon Half Day	12:10pm	12:10pm	3:10pm

	Doors open	Morning Registration	Home Time
Reception	8:40am	8:50am	3:00pm
Year 1	8:40am	8:50am	3:10pm
Year 2	8:40am	8:50am	3:10pm

Please ensure that your child is an **Attendance HERO**

H	E	R	O
Here	Every day,	Ready and	On time

Do you need any help with childcare before or after the school day?

Breakfast Club	From 7:45am
After School Club	Until 5:45pm

Mrs Roberts is our Breakfast and After School Club Leader. If you need help with childcare before or after the school day, please enquire about our fantastic provision by emailing Mrs Roberts.

Clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

2023.24 Academic Year

Autumn Term 1 2023

Monday 4th September to Friday 27th October

Monday 4th September

INSET day 1: School is closed to children for staff training

Tuesday 5th September

Year 1 and Year 2 children return to school, doors will open at 8:40am

Children starting in Nursery and Reception have been given individual staggered start dates

Friday 27th October

Children break up for the half term holiday

Autumn Term 2 2023

Monday 6th November to Friday 22nd December

Friday 17th November

INSET day 2: School is closed to children for staff training

Friday 22nd December

Children break up for the Christmas holiday

Spring Term 1 2024

Monday 8th January to Friday 16th February

Friday 16th February

INSET day 3: School is closed to children for staff training

Friday 16th February

Children break up for the half term holiday

Spring Term 2 2024

Monday 26th February to Thursday 28th March

Thursday 28th March

Children break up for the Easter holiday

Summer Term 1 2024

Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May

Friday 24th May

Children break up for the half term holiday

Summer Term 2 2024

Monday 3rd June to Tuesday 23rd July

Monday 17th June

INSET day 4: School is closed to children for staff training

Monday 1st July

INSET day 5: School is closed to children for staff training

Tuesday 23rd July

Children break up for the summer holiday



Contacting School 2022.23

Telephone 01332 662239

Please share any queries or concerns with us so that we can work together to keep your children safe, happy, and learning at school. Feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

Please be respectful with your communication and only email us on school days between 7:45am and 5:45pm.

Senior Leadership Team

leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Diffin - Headteacher, Mrs Howett - Deputy Headteacher and Early Years Foundation Stage Leader, Mrs Asghar - Assistant Headteacher and Key Stage 1 Leader)

School Office Team

admin@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Tusa - School Business Manager, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Manners – School Business Officers)

Safeguarding Team

safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Diffin – Designated Safeguarding Leader, Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie – Safeguarding Champions)

Inclusion Leader

senco@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Vincett) – Mrs Vincett is our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)

Year Group Class Teachers

nursery@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Howett and Mrs Orme)

reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Carter, Miss Brown, Miss Doxey)

year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Asghar, Mrs Merriman, Miss Marley)

year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Asghar, Miss Luke, Miss Harker)

Breakfast Club and After School Club

clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Roberts – Breakfast and After School Club Leader)



Keeping Cavendish Close Children Safe

The best interests of children continue to come first for our Safeguarding Team.

Keeping children safe from harm is our utmost priority.

If anyone feels concerned about the safety of a child, they should act on their concern immediately.

- Parents and carers can speak to or email the Safeguarding team to make an enquiry, to ask for help or to share information: safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk
- **Parents and carers can ring Derby Children's Social Care directly 01332 641172 (Out of hours Careline 01332 786968) to report their concerns first hand**
- Parents and carers can use the NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000

The Safeguarding Team

Mrs Diffin

Headteacher and **Designated Safeguarding Lead**

Mrs Howett

Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Asghar

Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Vincetti

Inclusion Leader and Safeguarding Champion

Mrs Leadbeater

Learning Mentor and Safeguarding, Attendance and Behaviour Champion

Mrs Dearie

Learning Mentor and Safeguarding and Behaviour Champion

Mrs Carter

Safeguarding Lead Teacher

Mrs Roberts

Breakfast and After School Club Safeguarding Champion