

My child has a food allergy, what should I do?

Complete the information on the form included in the Data Pack which you will receive. This information will be passed on to our school cook who will cater for your child's nutritional needs. Also, your child's class teacher will be notified.

Does my child need a packed lunch?

Reception children do NOT need a packed lunch. Reception children have their lunch paid for by a government scheme.

Nursery children can pay to have a school lunch. Lunches cost £2.05 a day and are payable via ParentPay, for which you will be given log in details once your child has started nursery.

OR

You may wish to bring a packed lunch for your nursery child. (Covid19 note – no packed lunches are allowed at the moment. All children have lunches made in our school kitchen. I will inform you what will happen in September closer to the time)

I think I'm entitled to 30 hours childcare. What do I do?

Please speak to Mrs Haswell in the school office who will give you the required form to complete. The form requires a 30 hour code which you can access from the following website.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare>

What if my child needs on occasion medicine. Do I need to keep them off school until the medicine is finished?

If your child has been prescribed any medicine by your GP but is well enough to be in school, please complete the required form from the school office. The medicine will be given to your child with the guidance given from your GP.

My child needs to use an inhaler for asthma. How is this facilitated?

If your child has been prescribed an inhaler by your GP it is best to get an additional inhaler which can be left in school. This should be brought clearly named into school, where it will be stored safely in your child's classroom. The inhaler will be administered by staff as required in line with your child's prescription. A Care Plan will be created by our Office Manager, Mrs Haswell, will you. This will be shared with the necessary staff who will care for your child.

My child doesn't know anybody else starting in their class. I am worried they won't have any friends.

Please try not to worry about this! In the first weeks at school we spend lots of time helping all the children get to know one another, as well as their new classroom and teachers. The adults are there to support all of the children in building new relationships.

How do I purchase school uniform?

This can be purchased through our school website. Please click on the link below and this will take you directly to the uniform information page.

<http://www.edmondsley.durham.sch.uk/parents/our-school-uniform/> Alternatively, please see our school website, <http://www.edmondsley.durham.sch.uk/> the Parents tab and use the drop down list to see school uniform information.

How can I help to prepare my child for school?

Encourage your child to be as independent as possible, even if it takes far longer for them to get ready!

Establish sensible bedtime routines which get your child ready for sleep, eg sharing a bedtime story.

Allow time on a morning to make sure your child arrives promptly and is ready to learn.

Never threaten them with school! Be positive and support us by reinforcing the importance of regular attendance.

Where can I park?

Like many schools parking is limited. Congburn coffee shop located down the hill from our school permits all family members the use of their car park. If you need to park close to our school, we ask you do so safely and with consideration.

Does my child need extra clothing?

Yes – an extra set of clothes can be left on your child's peg for us to use. All clothing should be labelled with child's name.

My child is ill. What do I do?

Please phone our school office as soon as it is possible for you to let us know of your child's absence.