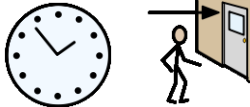








STARTING SCHOOL - Key questions for Parents

Please find below a series of questions which you may wish to ask before your child starts school.

Attendance/Timekeeping	
What are school opening and closing times?	
Will there be a staggered start to school?	
What do I do if my child is late to school?	
What do I do if I am going to be late in collecting my child?	
Can I send someone else to pick up my child? What permission is needed?	
How do I report my child's absence from school?	
When are the school holidays?	
Can I take my child on holiday during term time?	
How will I be informed if there is an enforced school closure?	
Food/Drinks	
How long do the children get to eat lunch?	
Are school dinners free? If yes what is available? Where is the menu?	
How much is milk? How do I order it?	
Is any snack provided?	
Is drinking water available?	
What should I put in my child's packed lunch?	
How does my child choose their lunch option?	
What about allergies / dietary requirements?	
How do you encourage fussy eaters? Support with cutlery?	

School/Uniform	
	
Where can I buy school uniform from?	
How much does school uniform cost?	
Can my child wear jewellery in school?	
What shoes are allowed?	
Do they need a separate PE kit every day?	
Health Issues	
	
What do I do if my child is prescribed medication?	
What happens if my child has a medical/dental appointment?	
How long before my child can return to school after an illness?	
What happens if my child has an accident at school?	
What do I do if my child has headlice/ Thread worm?	
Transport/Parking	
	
Can I park at the school?	
Can my child scoot/cycle to school?	
Parent – Child Communication	
	
Are there any after school clubs? How much are after school clubs and how do I book it?	
What do I do if I need to see a teacher?	
How can parents get involved?	

How do you communicate with parents?	
Concerning Education	
What should I do if I am worried about my child's progress?	
What if my child can't speak English?	
Other Questions	???
Who do I speak to if my child has SEND?	
What specialist services and expertise are available at or accessed by the school?	
What extras do you charge for?	
How do you support toilet training?	
Is there a school nurse?	

Please find below a list of other avenues where you can seek advice.

- School website – see their Local Offer
- SENDIAS <https://www.kids.org.uk/warwickshire-sendias-front-page>
- <https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/send/warwickshire-parent-partnership-service/>
- Warwickshire Gov website <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/>
- CBeebies <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/how-to-prepare-your-child-for-primary-school>