



Millbrook Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carer

At Millbrook Junior School, we want our children to Dream, Believe, Aspire and Achieve to give them the best chance of success in the future. Our pupils invented 'The Five Hands' to further explain the kind of people they want to become as they grow up. The vast majority of parents support the school with this and in developing good attitudes towards learning for their children. I thought it would be useful to explain the school's expectations and why these are so important.

Firstly, we request that pupils arrive at school safely. This means not dropping off/picking up or parking on the zigzags or causing any obstruction elsewhere. Not only is this unsafe for your child, it puts the lives of others at risk. It is also against the law and teaches your child that it is acceptable to not follow the rules. Children and parents should be using the zebra crossing as it is the safest place to cross. If you trust your child to walk by themselves, you should be mindful of their behaviour in the community and expect us to be in touch if they have behaved in a way that falls short of the standard we expect. It reflects poorly on them as individuals and the school as a whole.

Pupils should arrive at school on time. Teaching your child that it is important to be ready and on time, is a crucial life skill. Similarly, good attendance at school is essential. Please make sure that your child attends every day (unless they are unwell).

Our school community and staff have a right to work in a safe and caring environment. We request that parents/carers show them respect and speak appropriately to staff members at all times.

Our school has a uniform policy that helps to promote a sense of belonging and is practical, smart and comfortable. The items are cheap to buy and we can often provide these, if you need them, from our second-hand uniform supply. Normal uniform **must** include, navy jumper, white polo shirt, black/grey/navy skirt/dress/trousers. On PE days, pupils **must** wear a white t-shirt with a plain black/grey/navy tracksuit. Year 6 pupils can wear a Leavers' Hoodie. It is important for parents to support this as in addition to being a school requirement, it is good preparation for the future. The only jewellery allowed is a watch and one pair of small stud earrings.

Another way that we expect you to prepare your child for school, is to check they have their reading books and planner every day. You know the planner is an important communication tool and you should look at it regularly with your child.

Dream, Believe, Aspire, Achieve



We have high expectations of pupils and they should all be completing their Home Learning each week. If you do not support this, you are demonstrating that learning is optional and that you do not value your child's education. We know that children, who do not do their homework, often have poor attitudes to learning in school as well. This will lead to lower rates of progress and your child falling even further behind.

Be ready, be respectful and be safe are our school rules. Please encourage your child to follow these rules and if you know there has been an issue - e.g. there is a 'Reflect' sticker in their planner or you receive a phone call from your child's teacher, it is really important that you discuss this together.

I apologise in advance if all of the above seems obvious to you and part of parenting and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

If you were not aware of these expectations, or need some help in achieving them, please do get in touch with the school. We are always here to offer help, advice and support. We can give strategies or signpost you to other agencies for support.

We want the best for all of the children at Millbrook Junior School; we hope you do too!

Kind regards,

Mrs Warren