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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to welcome your child to Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery, and I look forward to watching them grow and develop throughout their learning journey with us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our school community. Positive partnerships with parents and carers are extremely important and we value the contribution you make to your child's education. Throughout the year there will be opportunities for you to come into school to meet with your child's teacher, work with your child and to watch your child perform. You will, of course, be notified prior to these events and I hope you will be able to attend.

If you have any worries or questions, please speak to your child's teacher at the end of the day. There is also a class email address that can be used but, please note, teachers will not be able to respond straight away as they are in class.

[Class5@canvey-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:Class5@canvey-inf.essex.sch.uk)

[Class6@canvey-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:Class6@canvey-inf.essex.sch.uk)

Contact details for the main school office are at the top of this letter so please do not hesitate to get in touch should your question or concern be urgent.

I do ask that, should you have any issues with any aspect of school, please do contact me and do not air your grievances on social media. I promise to do everything I can do resolve any situation following school policies and local authority procedures.

### **Welcome meetings**

You are invited to attend a meeting where you will be informed of the expectations for your child's first year at school. Please do try and attend so you are familiar with how your child's Reception year works and what you can do to support them. **This will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm** and will be held in your child's classroom. Please wait in the playground to be collected. Thank you.

### **PE**

Just to remind you that on your child's PE days they will need to come into school wearing their PE uniform. PE uniform is a **plain white t-shirt, navy shorts or joggers and black trainers**. No crop tops, please. The usual navy school jumper or cardigan can be worn too, if you wish. PE t-shirts can be purchased from Penn Sports.

**Reception PE day** is on Wednesday.

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## Water Bottles

Drinking water is available in the classrooms but, if your child would like to bring their own water bottle to school, they must have a **sport cap** and contain **clear water** only. Water bottles are available from the school office at a cost of £1.20.

## Health and Safety

Please remember that **no jewellery**, including earrings and watches, are allowed to be worn in school. Children participate in physical activity every day and we do not want any injuries to occur at any time. Newly pierced ears will need to be covered with sticking plaster before coming into school and your child will not be able to participate in any physical activity until the earrings are removed.

If your child has long hair, please tie it back so it does not get in the way of their learning activities. Should your child wish to wear a head band or bow, please try to keep them small.

## Parking

Please remember that this school is located in a residential area so please make sure that you park considerately and safely. We do receive lots of complaints from neighbours regarding some parents parking illegally and, in some cases, extremely dangerously.

## Gardening

If you are available for an hour or two to give the pots, planters and Swann Garden a tidy up we will be very grateful. Please phone or email the school office to say when you are available and I will get the trowels out!

## Website & School Facebook page

Please remember to check these regularly for information from outside agencies that may be of use to you. Please also check your emails, as all communication is sent electronically.

## Contact Details

If your contact details change, please make sure you let Mrs Kiln know in case we need to contact you in an emergency.

Please also inform Mrs Kiln if your child's collection information needs updating, as we will only release your child to a person on going home list.

...and finally, thank you for choosing Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery for your child. I look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Dorrington  
Headteacher

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