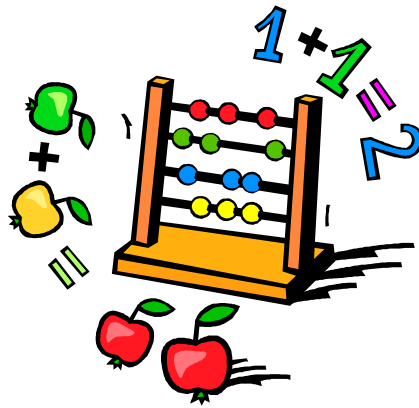
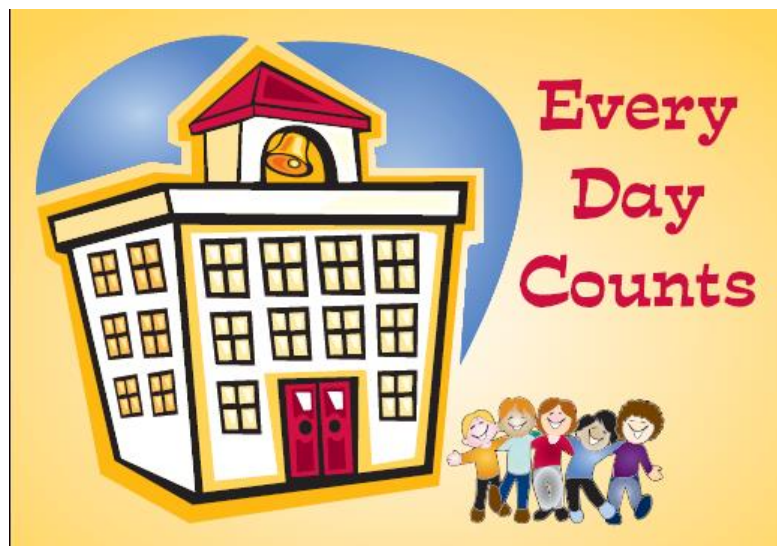




STARTING SCHOOL

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS



Welcome!

Here at Breck Primary School we have a happy, friendly team!

We aim to provide a warm and welcoming environment for children starting school.

We would like to emphasise the important role you play in your child's education. In order to feel confident and secure your child needs to see the relationship between home and school. Good communication between families and school helps to ensure a smooth transition and also enables the teacher to learn about each child from the adult that knows them best.

We look forward to working with you to build a strong partnership based on mutual understanding and respect.



Starting school can be an exhausting business!

Don't be surprised if your children come home feeling tired and not wanting to talk about their day.

Give them a meal, a bath, a cuddle and a story, before getting them off to bed early.

The School

School address	Breck Primary School Fouldrey Avenue Poulton le Fylde Lancashire FY6 7HE
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Headteacher	Mrs C Brindle
Deputy Headteacher	Ms S Quispe
Chair of Governors	Mr P Raynor
Teaching Staff List	
	Ms S Quispe - Deputy Headteacher Mrs K Coates - Foundation Stage and KS 1 Leader Miss J Cushing - KS 2 Leader and Assessment Mr A Hesketh - EVCO, PE and DT Mrs K Churchouse – SENCO and Lead Maths KS1 Mrs M Emery – Lead Maths KS1 Mrs C Hassett – Maths KS2 and RE Mr J Calvert – ECO Council, Geography and History Miss R Snape – Music
Teaching Support Staff	Mrs E Bennett, Mrs S Murphy, Ms C Spencer, Mrs P Byrne-Fraser, Mrs J Clarkson Miss S Knight, Mrs J Kellett, Miss A Hunter, Mrs C Gladwin, Mrs Andrea Hill,
Site Support Staff	Mr J Boe, Mrs M Waddilove, Ms C Lord, Mrs C Frisch
Extended Services	Miss A Taylor, Manager, Mrs C Hague, Mrs L McCann, Miss O Garrett, Miss L Casson
Welfare Staff	Mrs B Thornton, Mrs T Fisher, Mrs K Danvers, Mrs G Dixon, Miss S Velez, Mrs Z Mellor, Mrs M Waddilove, Mrs Alison Hill
Business Support	Mrs M Taylor, Manager, Mrs J Partington, Mrs K Braidford
Catering	Mrs S Robinson, Manager, Mrs D Taylor

Helpful Information

School day	Start	08.50 am (Gates open 08.40 am)
	Finish	15.30 pm
Uniform	Bottle Green Sweatshirt or Cardigan (available from school office), White Polo Shirt, Grey Trousers/Dresses/Skirts, Black School Shoes	
School lunch	12.00 – 1.00 pm – School Lunch is £2 per day	
Training days	5 days per year and usually tagged onto the May ½ Term	
School holidays	Please see attached holiday list	
Admissions Policy	School follows the Local Authority Admissions Policy	
Visiting the School	All appointments should be made via the school office	
Parking	We have restricted staff parking and therefore no visitor parking apart from disabled parking is available. Please park as considerately as possible, do not stop on the yellow zig zag lines and follow The Breck School Rules as attached.	



Attendance

Attending school every day, starting in nursery and continuing in reception classes, will help give your child the best possible start in life.

Going to school every day means:

- ◆ making friends
- ◆ having lots of fun
- ◆ building lasting relationships
- ◆ time to play
- ◆ taking part in exciting activities

You can help us to help your child by encouraging regular school attendance.

Your child's education is very important; attendance habits established in the foundation years of education can affect their entire school life.

- ◆ **If your child is too ill to attend school or is absent for any other reason, please contact the school on the first day of absence**
- ◆ **If you are in any doubt as to whether to send your child to school please contact the school as soon as possible for advice**

Setting good attendance patterns early on will also help your child later on. Although it seems a long way off at the moment, future employers want to recruit people who are reliable. Children who have a poor school attendance record may have less chance of getting a good job.

What happens if a child does not attend school regularly?

By law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16) must get a suitable full time education. As a parent you are responsible for making sure this happens and if you fail to ensure a child of compulsory school age attends school regularly, legal action may be taken by the Local Authority.

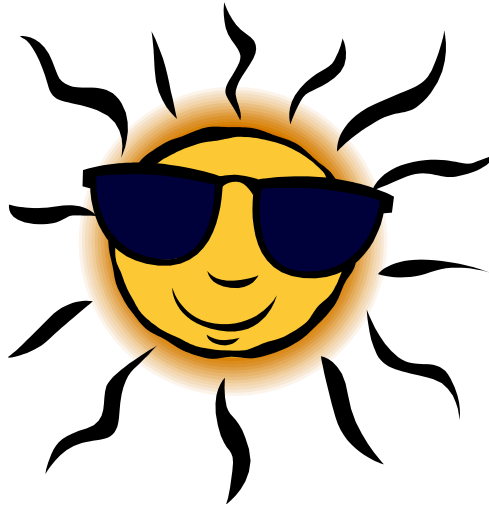
Holidays

PLEASE THINK CAREFULLY BEFORE TAKING A FAMILY HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME

- In law you **must** ask for permission for your children to miss school
- Parents can request a term time absence for a family holiday which may or may not be granted at the Headteacher's discretion
- Parents who take a child of compulsory school age on holiday without permission from the school may be issued with a penalty notice

TO HELP YOUR CHILD DO WELL IN SCHOOL, YOU SHOULD:

- Arrange family holidays to coincide with school holidays wherever possible
- Avoid times when there are important examinations or tests (check with school)
- Always ask the school well in advance for permission
- Be aware of the potential impact on your child's education



A Shared Philosophy

The School provides a secure, caring and stimulating learning environment which will enable children to acquire the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to become confident, independent learners.

In a relaxed, happy atmosphere children can develop confidence, self-esteem and respect for others, whilst reaching their own full potential emotionally, intellectually, socially, physically and spiritually.

At The Breck Primary School we aim to provide challenging learning experiences for both indoors and outdoors, acknowledging the value and importance of quality outdoor provision for young children.

Our aims

- ◆ To create a safe, caring and stimulating learning environment
- ◆ To establish high expectations at an early stage by helping the pupils to develop an inquiring mind and a positive attitude towards learning
- ◆ To encourage each pupil to become confident, independent, responsible and sociable
- ◆ To work in partnership with parents recognising the important influence of the family

Settling in at Breck Primary School

The first half term is our settling in time. The first day can be a difficult time, especially for parents, particularly if you are dealing with your first child starting school.

More information

What can you do to help?

12 things we would like you to teach your child before they start school

1. To dress and undress,
2. to remove their coats, gloves and hats and hang them up
3. To be able to apply their sun cream
4. To put shoes on and take them off
5. To recognise and look after their belongings
6. To use the toilet on their own
7. To wash and dry their hands
8. To use a knife and fork
9. To tidy up
10. To use a handkerchief
11. To share and co-operate with other children
12. To enjoy the new experience of school!

Working in partnership with parents/carers

Breck School works in partnership with families. We recognise that you have already taught your child a great deal and you are still the expert where he/she is concerned.

At school we will build on what your child has already learned. We want you to feel involved in your child's education.

Parents will be kept informed of any relevant events and information by a variety of means; Email, text messages, paper letters and notes home, notices in the classroom window.

If you would like to know more about something or have any queries or concerns do feel free to approach the staff. `

Play

The natural way for young children to learn is through play.

Here we use play to:-

- ❖ provide an opportunity to develop language
- ❖ provide opportunities and motivation to practice basic skills
- ❖ help develop self confidence
- ❖ help children to learn to share
- ❖ encourage thinking and decision making
- ❖ nourish curiosity
- ❖ develop concentration
- ❖ stimulate interest
- ❖ provide a secure basis for further learning

Daily Routines



School starts promptly at 8.50 am

Registers are taken and then closed at 9.10 am – if your child misses registration then they will miss a whole morning's session of attendance.

Morning break is at 10.45 am and the older children run a tuck shop with health snacks such as toast at 10p per slice.

Lunch takes place for the little ones at 11.50 am and they all have lunch together in the school hall whether on school dinners or packed lunches.

The afternoon session recommences at 1.00 pm when the register is taken again.

Afternoon break is at 2.05 pm.

School Closes at 3.30 pm – please collect your child from their classroom door.

Routines in school are consistent and we would encourage you to ensure your child goes to bed early, has plenty of sleep, wake them up in plenty of time to get them to school on time. You will need to leave lots of time for traffic and parking at The Breck, when children arrive late at school they become upset and distressed. Please try and get them here on time.

Questions and Answers



What should my child wear? School Uniform

What type of shoes are appropriate? Black Smart School Shoes

What can I do about jewellery? Jewellery is not allowed, a watch is, children with pierced ears should bring into school a plaster to go over earrings during PE if they are not able to remove them prior to physical activity.

Can my children bring toys? No, please don't send your child to school with toys from home unless it is for a specific session in school such as "Show and Tell".

What about bringing and collecting my child? Your child should be brought to school for 8.40 am each morning, the classroom door will open at 8.50 am. Your child can be collected from the classroom door at 3.30 pm each day.

Can my child bring sweets? No – We are a Healthy School and sweets will be taken away from children until the end of the school day.

Will my child be doing homework? Yes – but this will be tailored to their own ability and your class teacher will explain this to you.

What should I do if my child is absent from school? You must contact the school office before 9.20 am on the first day of absence. Please don't pass messages via siblings or teaching assistants.

What happens if my child needs a change of clothes? We will change your into their PE kit and advise you at the end of the day.

Can I stay and work with my child? Once you have completed the induction process we would not generally allow this.

What should my child wear for PE? School PE kit available from the school office plus a pair of black PE Pumps.

What does my child need for outside work time? If it is cold you must send in a coat, hat and gloves, if it is warm then a sun hat and sun cream is requested.

Can my child bring a packed lunch to school? Yes, or you can opt for school dinners these are available either full or part time.

Some ideas – Carrot Sticks, Yoghurts, Fresh Fruit Juice, Water Bottle, Piece of Fruit or Health Snack – Sandwich, Wrap or Salad.

