



# SWALWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Working together,  
learning together*

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# Our School Values

At Swalwell Primary School we aim to create a happy and inclusive learning environment where we work hard and make lasting friendships.

The school is at the heart of the community and aims to provide a safe, caring and respectful environment which enables pupils to develop academically, emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually whilst promoting fundamental British values. We provide a broad and engaging curriculum which allows individuals to develop their educational potential and skills for life. We firmly believe every child has the right to be the best they can be and we strive to ensure each child reaches their academic, social, physical and emotional potential.

Children's rights are at the core of our practice, we firmly believe every child has:

- The right to learn
- The right to be safe
- The right to be heard
- The right to be happy
- The right to be me



# School Uniform

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The school uniform is worn by all pupils in school (Nursery to Year 6) and parents are asked to support our uniform policy.

The uniform is as follows:

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without logo)
- White polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Grey or black trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore
- Plain black sensible shoes
- Optional - Blue and white gingham dress (summer)

No make-up or jewellery other than a wristwatch are to be worn. It is essential that all children are dressed sensibly for school.

Sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts bearing our school can be purchased from our school uniform supplier, Logo's Unlimited, Team Valley 320C Mayoral Way, Team Valley, Gateshead NE11 0RT

Children in Years 1 to 6 are required to provide their own PE kit. The school PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts and a suitable bag to keep these items in. Children should also have a pair of trainers or plimsolls for outdoor PE activities. PE kits can either be kept in school throughout the week or brought in on PE days.

# Timings of the school day

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School operates a 'soft opening' to help reduce movement around site. This means children are welcome to enter their classrooms from 8:45am. Learning starts at 8:50am prompt.

Nursery:

8:50am - 12:00pm

Reception, KS1 and KS2:

8:50a.m – 3.20 p.m.

## School Meals

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The school receives a high quality school meals service, which is operated by Gateshead Local Authority. Swalwell Primary School promotes healthy eating and encourages all children to eat a well-balanced diet. Special dietary needs, for medical or religious reasons, can be catered for.

We have a 3 weekly rotating menu for school lunches which can be viewed below. In addition to the main meal, jacket potatoes and wraps are available daily.

The cost of a meal is £2.75 per day for all children in Key Stage 2 and £2 per day for Nursery children. All Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal each day. Payment for the week's school meals should be paid in advance online using ParentPay.

Families in receipt of certain benefits may be entitled to free school meals even if in Reception to year 2. Parents can apply online at <https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/7433/Free-school-meals> or alternatively you can collect a paper form from the school office.

Your child may bring in a packed lunch if you wish. We request that, in line with the school's healthy eating policy, children should not bring sweets, fizzy drinks and chocolate in their packed lunches. Please can we also ask that children do not bring in any products that contain nuts due to a number of allergies we have in school.



# Outdoor learning & forest school

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At Swalwell Primary School we understand the importance of outdoor learning. As such our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children get a forest school session every week delivered by a qualified Level 3 Forest School practitioner. Depending on the age of the children, sessions last between 20 minutes to 1 hour, with all activities being risk assessed.

Although these are stand-alone sessions, they will have a half termly focus and where possible will link to work being done in class. Through our Forest School sessions there are also plenty of opportunities for child led learning, team work and the building of self-esteem. For more information about the half termly focus please see the Long Term Plan on our school website.



# Wraparound Care

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## **Breakfast Club**

Before school, we have a FREE breakfast club which runs daily from 8am. This is funded by the Greggs Foundation. We have a selection of cereals, toast and spreads, yogurts, fruit and cheese available for the children to choose from. There are also lots of activities for the children to participate in, such as crafts, lego, games etc. Last entry to breakfast club is 8:30am.

## **Swalwell Stars After School Care**

Our after-school care, 'Swalwell Stars', is staffed by school. We hope this will give you extra peace of mind.

- It runs from 3.20pm to 5pm Monday to Friday and the charge is £8 per session. This includes a snack.
- You can book in advance and payment is made through our ParentPay system.
- We also accept payment through the Childcare Choices website as part of the Government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme.

# Nursery

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Is your child ready to take their first steps into learning? At our warm and welcoming school nursery, we create a nurturing environment where little learners grow, play, and thrive. We believe every child deserves the best start, and our dedicated team ensures each child feels valued, celebrated, and supported from day one.

We offer flexible options to suit your family's needs, including 15 funded hours and 30 hours extended entitlement for eligible families. Our exciting Forest School sessions give children the chance to explore, learn, and discover through outdoor adventures—building confidence and a love for nature.

If you'd like to find out more or arrange a visit, please get in touch. We'd love to welcome you and your child into our school family!



# Lifeskills

As part of our additional curriculum offer, each year group has a life skill curriculum which allows them the opportunity to develop and support the learning of these valuable skills. Whether it be learning to use a knife and fork, cooking a meal or tying shoe laces, the children will be given the opportunity to develop these life-long skills.

For some identified children in school, we deliver bespoke life skills lessons. During these weekly sessions children learn a range of skills that fall in to three categories: independent living in the home, health and wellbeing and employment and the wider world.



# Inclusive Communication Through Makaton

At our school, we believe that communication is for everyone. That's why Makaton is an integral part of daily life in our classrooms and assemblies. All children learn Makaton signs alongside spoken language, helping them to develop confidence, empathy, and a deeper understanding of inclusive communication.

Our pupils take part in regular singing and signing sessions during assemblies, creating joyful moments where every child can participate and express themselves. Makaton signs are woven into lessons and routines across the school, ensuring that every child—regardless of their needs—feels included and understood. This approach not only supports language development but also fosters a culture of kindness, respect, and belonging.

