

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to KS1!

Year 1

As the children settle into KS1; we will encourage them to develop their ability to work more independently and to start to focus for longer periods of time. Please help your child to become more independent at home, by letting them get changed by themselves, getting them to clean up after themselves, put their own coats, shoes on etc.

I would like to take this opportunity to outline some of our expectations KS1.

At School:

- As you know your child will be expected to sit the Phonics Screener Check in Year 1. In preparation for this, we expect your child to read at least four times a week now that they are in Year 1.
- They will be sent home with two books: phonics book which they should be encouraged to sound and decode, and a book that they choose to share with you.
- Don't forget to sign their reading diaries!
- The class teacher will read with your child at least twice a week as well as group reading three times a week.
- School gates open at 8:20am and class doors open at 8:25am. End of day collection is at 3:00pm from the class door. Please refer to the Safe Collection Policy. [Tudor-Grange-Samworth-Academy-Safe-collection-policy-August-2024.pdf](https://www.tgacademy.org.uk/tgacademy.org.uk/Samworth-Academy-Safe-collection-policy-August-2024.pdf) ([tgacademy.org.uk](https://www.tgacademy.org.uk))



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.



HM Government
Head to the Education Hub to find out more.



every school day counts

0 days missed	0 hours of learning missed	Perfection
3 days missed	15 hours of learning missed	Starting to slip
5 days missed	25 hours of learning missed	Slight concern
8 days missed	40 hours of learning missed	Concern
10 days missed	50 hours of learning missed	At risk of persistent absence
15 days missed	75 hours of learning missed	Serious risk of persistent absence
19 days missed	90 hours of learning missed	Persistently absent

every minute counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!



Communication

- To communicate with your class teacher, you can: Email (office@samworth.tgacademy.org.uk) or phone (0116 278 0232) to arrange an appointment or request a call back. (Please be mindful teachers will be in class or meetings and will require 48 hours to respond).
- Use the Reading and Communication Log to pass on any non-urgent messages. For all urgent messages please contact the school office.
- All communication from school will be directed via My Child at School (such as, school reports, parent evenings, trip, term dates, etc.) For support to set up your account, please contact the school office.
- All trips will need to be paid via My Child at School.
- Please remind yourselves of the Parent Code of Conduct and all communication needs to be respectful. [TGSA-Primary-Parent-Code-of-Conduct.pdf \(tgacademy.org.uk\)](#)

Uniform: <https://www.samworth.tgacademy.org.uk/primary/parents/uniform/>

- From Year 1, children will be expected to wear a shirt, tie and blazer.
- Green T-shirt, black jogging bottoms or black shorts for PE with trainers.
- Please visit the school website to check the uniform.
- A green book bag. Please do not send your child with a rucksack as children can trip over them and we do not have the space.
- No earrings or jewellery

Home:

- Read, read, read with (and to) your child. This is the most powerful thing you can do to support their learning.
- Homework is given weekly on a Friday and collected the following Wednesday. It will be split into three areas: Math, Phonics and Spelling. Be creative, here are some websites that children access to embed their learning:
<https://numbots.com/>
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>
- Visit our website for more information about the Year 1 curriculum-
<https://www.samworth.tgacademy.org.uk/primary/curriculum/year-1/>

Upcoming trips and events:

- Autumn 1 – animal visit- school to cover cost.
- Autumn 2 – trip to the Curve – approximately £25 per child.
- Spring – exploring toys from the past - visitor from library – school to cover cost.
- Summer – beach trip – approximately £25 per child.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher or myself.

Thank you for your support.

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