



VALENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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1. Special celebrations



To all our families who have celebrated Diwali recently, we hope that you had a wonderful occasion. We have also been considering with the pupils the importance of Remembrance Day (11th November).



2. Celebrating effort, good behaviour and hard work

At Valence, we place a high value on developing children's sense of worth and self-esteem. We love to celebrate both effort and achievement in academic and social settings. We have an approach where we support pupils to **Go for Gold** based on the following school rules:

- Listen to and co-operate with each other.
- Follow adults' instructions.
- Treat everyone with politeness, kindness, courtesy and respect.
- Work to the best of our ability.
- Move safely and calmly around school.
- Respect our school environment.



Children who consistently follow the school rules, who set a positive example for others to follow and who demonstrate a positive attitude to others can achieve a GOLD reward. This is highly celebrated, and one reward is that pupils can wear their own clothes on the following Monday.

3. Let's be on time

AM: The playground gates open at 8.30am, and the class doors open at 8.45am. The pupils are straight to work with their morning tasks, so even if they are a few minutes late, they are missing valuable learning time. The class doors close at 8.55am.



PM: The playground gates open at 3.00pm. Reception and KS1 finish at 3.15pm, and KS2 finish at 3.20pm. After five minutes, pupils are escorted to the office, where they can be collected. If pupils are regularly collected late, the office will seek to identify ways that the school can support an improvement in punctuality.

4. School reminders

Our website is a source of up-to-date information. Here are a few items:

- Please do not smoke near the school gates
- School uniform requires completely **black** shoes – no coloured stripes
- No dangly earrings for safety reasons
- No riding of scooters or bikes in the playground
- As it's getting colder, please send children in with appropriate clothing and especially, a warm outdoor coat.





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5. Rights Respecting School

We are very pleased to tell you that we have recently been awarded the first stage of UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA), **Bronze: Rights Committed**.



At Valence, we are always striving to create the best possible learning environment for our children and this achievement shows that we are committed to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging them to respect the rights of others in school.

We have set up a pupil-led steering group and have an action plan to ensure that:

- The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) underpins our values and decision making in school.
- The whole school learns about the CRC and respects the rights of others.
- Children are empowered to become active learners and active local and global citizens.

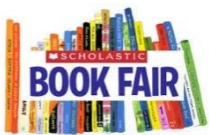
Unicef (United Nations Children's Fund) is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights, and we will be joining a community of over 4,500 schools in the UK working on the Rights Respecting Schools Award. Right Respecting Schools across the country have reported that that the Award has many positive impacts including improved relationships, wellbeing and self-esteem, leading to better attendance and improved learning. You can find out more about UNICEF, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Rights Respecting Schools Award from the RRSA website: www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa

We will be using the RRSA logo on our letters and will keep you informed about our rights respecting journey through our website, newsletters and events. *If you would like to find out more or be part of the RRSA Steering Group, please contact Ms Choudhury.*

6. Keeping safe

A helpful Tik Tok guide for parents:

<https://www.openvieweducation.co.uk/tiktok-parent-guide/>



8. Book Fair at school

Tuesday 15 – 22 November for a great selection of books. If you can help out selling books, please contact the office. Let's get reading!

9. Come and help us

If you would like to volunteer at school, please give your name to the offices. It may be that you can help in class with your cooking, art, design or creative skills. Or, if you would like to hear pupils read, this is a great help to those children who need a little extra adult time. Grandparents welcome too!



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