



VALENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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1. COVID-19 reminders

- sadly, COVID-19 has not disappeared from the UK and we must remain vigilant and continue to play our part in restricting its spread
- if you or your child feel unwell with COVID-19 symptoms, **do not come to school** but inform the office, take a PCR test and wait for the results
- you are encouraged to have the vaccine if you are eligible



2. Wraparound provision

Our before and after school provision (GEMS) is operating on both sites, and we have spaces. Please enquire at the offices should you wish to know more details. The provision is run by our highly experienced school staff.

3. Playground safety

- Please **do not** ride scooters, electric scooters, skateboards or bicycles in the school playgrounds.
- And no dogs please (except guide dogs and the school dog!)



4. Support your local school

Remember over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to Valence Primary School for FREE every time you use *easyfundraising* to shop with them. This means you can support the school when you get your groceries, book a holiday or day out, order a takeaway, renew your insurance policies or buy anything else – at no extra cost to yourself!

If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. Just visit:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/valenceprimaryschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-n4



5. Be on time!

A reminder that the 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.

6. Don't throw them away!

We are on the lookout for good quality items you may be tempted to throw away:

- unwanted rolls of wallpaper
- houseplants



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7. School rules reminders

The school Risk Assessment is on the website. If you require more information, please call the office. A few clarifications:

- all school staff have twice weekly COVID tests
- hygiene routines such as handwashing and good ventilation continue to be promoted at school
- pupils should bring in their own labelled water bottle
- label all clothing – lost property is overflowing!
- pupils are no longer in bubbles, and, if a pupil tests positive, the rest of the class will **not** be required to self-isolate
- parents and carers are encouraged to regularly test their children (Regular Rapid Testing) using a Lateral Flow Device, which are freely available in pharmacies and from the NHS



8. PE kit

In a change from previous years, pupils will be asked to wear a PE shirt that is the colour of their sports house. This will help the children identify more closely with their teammates.



9. Packed lunches

I have the privilege of walking around at lunchtime and glancing into the pupils' packed lunches. I have seen so many mouth-watering delicacies that you provide for your children – jollof rice, paninis, strawberries, healthy sandwiches, wraps, raw carrots, crackers.....I even saw a fig this week!



Please remember:

- No nuts of any type
- Only water or milk to drink – the school provides these freely too
- Minimise the number of foods with chocolate or high sugar content

This website has really good ideas: [Lunchbox Ideas](#) | [Recipes](#) | [Change4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

10. Curriculum

We continue to teach a broad and balanced curriculum with a key focus on developing maths and literacy skills alongside science, history, geography, art, design and technology, and sport. We also deliver PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) lessons, which are designed to support pupils with their emotional and mindful development.

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