



Starting School at Blackhorse



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- <https://www.blackhorseprimary.org.uk/topic/parents>



Home School Agreement

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Blackhorse Primary School

Home-School Agreement

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Our Mission, within our Blackhorse School community, is to 'Build Champion Learners through:

- Extensive Opportunities
- Expert Tuition
- Purposeful Practice
- Personal Effort.

Schooling is a partnership between children, parents and school. Our Home-School agreement outlines what you can expect of the school, and what the school will ask of you as parents. These were originally agreed by governors in 2011 and have guided our interactions ever since.

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First day at school

Building your child's confidence so that they start school excited, curious and ready to learn is important. When the big day is almost here for your child to be starting school, you are both likely to feel really excited about the new adventure but also nervous and anxious. This article contains tips and ideas to help you and your child prepare for this important milestone in your lives.

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Things you can do before the first day

Talk to your child about what to expect at school, and stay positive when doing so.

You may choose to share your own experiences, or read stories about starting school so they can identify with the character's experiences.

Allow your child opportunities to practice getting in and out of their school uniform so that they become used to putting it on and begin to develop their independence. You may wish to use pictures to prompt them in remembering what to do next.

Start getting your child into a routine by setting a clear bedtime and waking them up early, so they get to

Related advice

- Find primary schools >
- Choosing a school for your child with additional needs >
- Primary school admissions >

External Links

- Parents >
- BBC Bitesize >
- The Oxford Owl >
- PACEY >
- NHS - How much sleep your child needs >

Becoming curious about the world around me

Rather than focusing on reading, writing and maths skills focus upon helping your child to be curious, confident and ready to learn.

- I can listen to and follow instructions
- I can ask questions
- I can sit and listen for short periods of time

> [What comes before Writing?](#)
> [Happy to Talk](#)
> [Getting Ready to Listen and Learn](#)
> [Numbers are all around me](#)

Getting dressed and undressed on my own

- I can put my coat on by myself
- I can button and unbutton my clothes
- I can do up my own zip
- I can put on my own socks and shoes
- I can take off my clothes and put them neatly in one pile (Ready for PE)

> [10 top tips for teaching children to get dressed](#)
> [Easy way to put on a coat](#)

Routines

- I have practiced putting on my uniform and getting ready to leave on time
- I have a good bedtime routine so I am not tired for school the next day
- I am learning to eat at the times I will on school days

> [Top sleep tips](#)
> [Establishing a school routine](#)
> [Family routine](#)
> [Routines for children with additional needs](#)

Toileting



- I can go to the toilet on my own
- I can wipe myself properly
- I can flush the toilet
- I can wash and dry my hands properly



> [A Practical Guide to Toilet Training](#)
> [ERIC - Thinking about wee and poo now you're on your way to School](#)
> [ERIC - Guide to toilet training for children with additional needs](#)
> [PACEY Video on Toilet Training](#)

Sharing, Turn Taking and Making Relationships

- I like to interact with other children
- I can take turns and share toys (sometimes with support)
- I can listen to others when they are talking
- I know that what I do and say can make others happy or unhappy

This can be achieved through:

- Positive role modelling
- Reading stories or books linked to being a good friend/being kind to others
- Providing opportunities to play alongside others and resolve conflicts.
- Exploring and naming their emotions – what does it feel like to be angry, sad, happy....and what can we do when we or others feel this way? This can be introduced through emoticons, emotion cards/books or even watching the film 'Inside Out'

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=YeFCy4WAbmM>

Steps to Starting School

[Steps to Starting School document download](#)

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Build your child's confidence so that they start school confident, curious and ready to learn

Access more great advice, tips and downloadable resources at pacey.org.uk/schoolready



More top tips:

- ★ Get your child ready for their new routine by switching their meal times to match those of the school day
- ★ Encourage your child to explore new environments and interact with new people
- ★ Talk to your child about what they are most looking forward to at school
- ★ Let your child practise putting their new school uniform on and taking it off
- ★ And remember, every child is different and starts school with different abilities



Independence

- I can separate from my carer/parents when I go to School
- I am beginning to feel confident about starting school
- I can ask my friends or adults for help if needed
- I can tidy up after myself
- I can look after my things e.g. jumpers, coats and lunchboxes
- I can wipe my own nose
- I can use a knife and fork
- I can open food packets on my own



Other Useful Links...

- [Support for children with additional needs starting school](#)
- [Helping your child be school ready \(Video\)](#)
- [7 top tips to get ready for School](#)
- [Supporting children with anxiety](#)

Be School Ready: Leaflet



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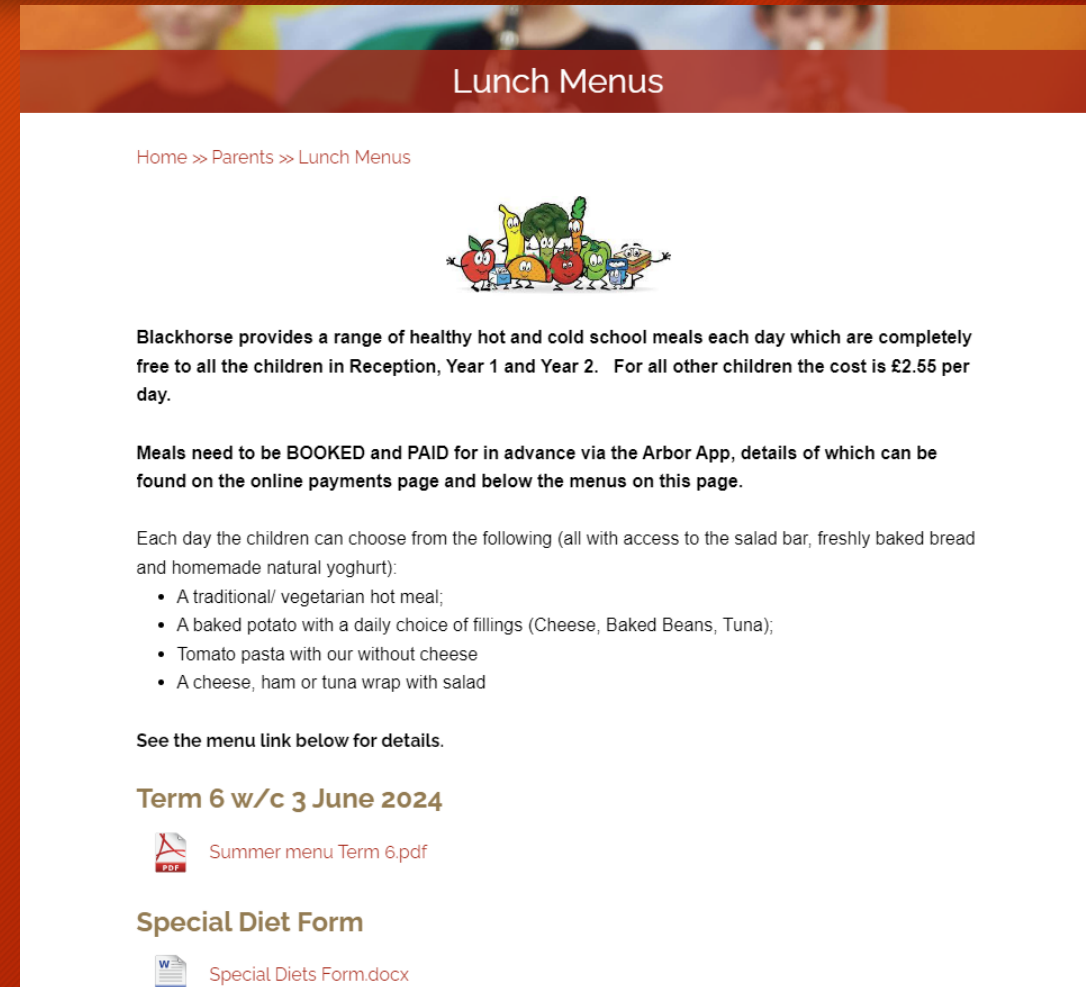
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'Blackhorse Kitchen' Taster Session

- Meals can be booked on Arbor
- Menu on Arbor and School website:
<https://www.blackhorseprimary.org.uk/lunch-menus/>



The screenshot shows the 'Lunch Menus' page of the Blackhorse Primary School website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text 'Home >> Parents >> Lunch Menus'. Below this is a cartoon illustration of various fruits and vegetables. The main text states: 'Blackhorse provides a range of healthy hot and cold school meals each day which are completely free to all the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. For all other children the cost is £2.55 per day.' It then says: 'Meals need to be BOOKED and PAID for in advance via the Arbor App, details of which can be found on the online payments page and below the menus on this page.' A paragraph follows: 'Each day the children can choose from the following (all with access to the salad bar, freshly baked bread and homemade natural yoghurt):' followed by a bulleted list: '• A traditional/ vegetarian hot meal; • A baked potato with a daily choice of fillings (Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna); • Tomato pasta with our without cheese • A cheese, ham or tuna wrap with salad'. Below the list, it says 'See the menu link below for details.' Then, 'Term 6 w/c 3 June 2024' is displayed. Underneath, there is a PDF icon and the text 'Summer menu Term 6.pdf'. At the bottom, 'Special Diet Form' is written, followed by a Word document icon and 'Special Diets Form.docx'.

Lunch Menus

Home >> Parents >> Lunch Menus



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