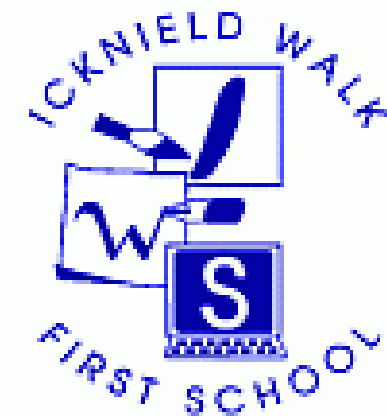


Ickniel Walk



First School

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Achievement

Celebration

Teamwork



Achievement

At Icknield Walk First School:

- We believe the needs of our children are at the heart of everything we do

Celebration

- We are all part of a team and expect everyone to do his or her best

Teamwork

- We believe learning should be fun and make the most of all opportunities
- We share everyone's achievements and celebrate their successes

Welcome to Icknield Walk First School



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We warmly welcome your family to Icknield Walk First School. We hope you will enjoy being part of the happy and caring community that makes our school so special. Icknield Walk is a place where the dedicated and experienced staff work hard to ensure that every child is supported to reach their own potential and where all achievements are celebrated because we believe that every child matters.

We can only achieve our aims by working in partnership with you. Please contact us if you wish to have more information or if you have any concerns.

Mrs Jane Sherwood
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About Ickniel Walk First School

Ickniel Walk First School caters for children from rising 4 to 9 years old. The school is funded by Hertfordshire Local Authority. The school was built in 1966 on a large and attractive landscaped site. There are hard-surfaced play areas, separate nursery and reception class play areas, a large school field and conservation areas. The school has a range of outside play and recreational facilities including an outdoor classroom with stage and seating. Within the school buildings are two enclosed quadrangles. One has been developed as a growing area for all the children to use. It contains a pond, gardening and paved working areas. The other is an outside play area.

Other facilities include a library, music room, cookery area and the school is networked with extensive computer access for all pupils. The school hall is used for Physical Education, Drama, Music and Assemblies as well as concerts and PTA activities. Display areas provide the children with an opportunity to share their work with the whole school community.

The school is well maintained and resourced but we continue to strive to improve the facilities and resources to aid the children's learning.

Ickniel Walk First School is one of the schools forming the Royston Area Schools Partnership (RASP). There is close liaison with the other seven first schools in Royston and the surrounding villages and St. Marys Primary School, as well as both middle schools and the upper school in the town. We join in shared activities, liaise with regard to curriculum planning and share resources. We also take part in events within the town to increase the children's sense of community.

We are recipients of the School Games Mark, Anti-bullying Accreditation, Primary Science Quality Mark and are working towards re-accreditation for the Arts Mark.

Organisation of the School

Nursery Class

Please see our separate booklet about the Nursery Class which consists of 60 part time places. We offer flexible placements. The first 15 hours are free and any additional hours incur a small cost. We also offer some 30 hours free childcare places - please see our website for more details.

Class Names

All our classes have bird names:

Year	Class	Class
Nursery	Duckling	Cygnet
Reception	Wren	Finch
1	Owl	Robin
2	Lark	Swan
3	Dove	Swift
4	Eagle	Falcon

Reception Classes:

Reception classes session times are:

Mornings	8.55 am - 12.00 pm
Afternoons	1.10 pm - 3.10 pm

Children attend full time after an induction period.

The Reception classroom leads onto the Reception class garden and playground. Links between the nursery class and reception class are very close with a shared Foundation Stage curriculum which enables children to move from Nursery to Reception with the greatest ease.

Key Stage One (5-7 year olds)

Children spend two years in Key Stage One (year one and year two) in self-contained classrooms with their own toilets and cloakrooms. There are two parallel classes of 30 pupils with the teaching staff planning together, sharing visits, topics and visitors with the parallel class. Session times are the same as in the Reception class.

Key Stage Two (7-9 year olds)

Children spend a further two years in Key Stage 2 (years three and four) before they move on to middle school.

Key Stage Two children work a longer day and the session times are:

Mornings	8.55 am - 12.10 pm
Afternoons	1.10 pm - 3.10 pm (with no afternoon play as in KS1)

Where next?

At the end of year 4 pupils can move onto a middle school in Royston.

There are good liaison arrangements with the school ensuring a smooth transition for pupils. Parents will be notified by the Local Authority on how to apply online for a middle school place.

Teaching and Learning

There are two mixed ability classes in each year group. Within each class children may be working individually, within a small group of similar or mixed ability children or as a whole class depending on the nature of the activity. For most of the time they will be taught by their class teacher. Specialist tuition for music is provided as well as sports instruction for outdoor games. Support is given by a highly qualified experienced team of Teaching Assistants. Our children also have the opportunity to have PE lessons with experienced Sports coaches.

Our children are taught a stimulating curriculum which encourages development in the following areas:

- Personal and social development
- Communication and language
- Literacy development
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the world
- Expressive arts and design development
- Physical development

Children in Year 1-4 follow the National Curriculum programmes of study. Our staff strive to deliver an innovative and exciting programme of study, which includes visitors and visits to places of interest.

Core Subjects

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Computing

Foundation Subjects

- History
- Geography
- Art and Design
- Music
- Design and Technology
- P.E.
- Religious Education
- Personal, Social and Health Education
- Modern Foreign Language

Please note: parents / carers may withdraw their children from Collective Worship, R.E. and Sex Education, if they wish, but we hope this will not be necessary. For any assistance please speak to the Headteacher.

We adhere to the County's Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education. Our assemblies are broadly Christian, whilst acknowledging that we live in a multi-faith and multi-cultural society. We use stories, songs, music and drama to encourage the children to consider the feelings of others and look at, and appreciate, the wonders of the world around them, as well as to celebrate achievements.

Sex Education

In class our policy is focused on teaching about sex and relationships in the context of relationships, using a variety of formal and informal opportunities and strategies. This work on caring for others, listening to others and working and playing co-operatively, developing a sense of self-worth, being aware of others feelings and keeping safe are taught mainly in PSHE lessons and also in English and RE.

Computing & Internet safety information

Icknield Walk First School actively uses computing to support our teaching and learning. The children will access the Internet and other web based applications as part of their day-to-day lessons.

Much of this is done through teacher led activities; however the children will at times do so independently. The school accesses the Internet via the Hertfordshire County Council Intranet making use of their sophisticated web filtering software. We operate this at the highest filtering setting.

We endeavor to keep your children as safe as possible and look to work with you to help the children enjoy using computers safely.

If you have any questions about eSafety please speak to James Taylor (Deputy Head).

Every Child Matters

Equal opportunities

Staff strive to provide a curriculum which relates to and builds on the children's home experiences. All pupils are encouraged to value differences and to develop open-mindedness and the ability to respect all people.

Because each child is valued for the contribution they make it follows that we cannot tolerate prejudice against any child on grounds such as race, colour, culture, ability, creed, gender or social class.

We ask for the support of all parents in trying to ensure that no member of our school community is hurt or offended by deliberate or thoughtless actions or words.

Policy for charging for school activities

The Governors wish to ensure that all pupils have access to all areas of the life of the school, regardless of the parents' ability to pay.

In the event of activities organised by the school during school hours involving the need for payment to be made, e.g. visits, visiting theatre groups, etc. voluntary contributions are sought from the parents to cover the cost of these activities. No child is excluded from participating in the activities because of non-payment of the contribution, but it is necessary for a substantial number of parents to contribute before the activity can go ahead.

Please note in Key Stage 2, children have swimming lessons at the Leisure Centre. The school has to pay for the services of qualified instructors and lifeguards so a charge will be made to cover this. A child will not be excluded if payment is not made, but it is hoped that parents appreciate the importance of providing good instruction and safety for their child.

In the case of activities partly during the school day and partly out of school hours, charges will be made for the time outside school hours, and for board and lodging on a residential school journey. The Headteacher and governors will consider sympathetically cases of genuine need seeking help with these charges and will remit those they feel necessary from the school's budget.

School trips vary each year as does their cost, but to give you an idea, here is a list of recent and planned trips:

Year	Term	Trip to	Cost
Nursery	Summer	Audley End Railway	£11.50
Reception	Summer	Imperial War Museum, Duxford	£12.00
1	Summer	Southend Seaside	£26.00
2	Spring	Botanic Gardens	£14.00
3	Summer	Roald Dahl Museum	£22.00
4	Spring	Grafham Water residential	£187.00

In year 2 the children have the opportunity to play the recorder and in year 3 they have a chance to play the guitar, both without charge. In addition the school is able to arrange group and individual music tuition from the LEA's music service staff for a range of instruments including, recorder, clarinet, violin, guitar, piano and keyboard for the children in years 3 and 4. This service is only available to parents who are willing to pay the termly fee, although a remission of fees may be possible on application.

Child Protection / Safeguarding

All schools have a clear responsibility placed on them by the Children Act 1989 and by guidance from the Department for Education and Employment to safeguard the welfare of all their pupils. In doing so, schools are expected to consult with Social Care if they believe there is a possibility that a child may be suffering from abuse or neglect.

A referral to Social Care is not intended to be an accusation of any particular action or against any particular person. It is the reporting of concerns which have come to the school's attention. This is in accordance with Hertfordshire Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures.

Icknield Walk First School has a Child Protection Policy which is available for parents / carers to see.

The designated teacher for Child Protection is the Headteacher. She will be happy to discuss any questions or concerns parents / carers may have about Child Protection Practice.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The school works hard to comply with its obligations under the GDPR and responding to subject access requests. For further information, please refer to the GDPR policies and Privacy Notices on our website.

Photography / Digital Imaging

Parents are encouraged to get a leaflet from the school office about our policy on the use of photographs and video recordings. We need parents' permission to use photographs in our school publications etc. and are committed to children's safety. We hope parents will respect our policy as we wish parents to continue to have a record of their children's involvement in assemblies and concerts throughout their school life.

Extended Provision

The Rise & Shine Breakfast Club opens from 8am to 8.50am, with an option of an early drop off at 7.45am for an extra charge, and the Fairplay After School Club opens from 3.10pm to 6pm: these are available for parents who may need childcare facilities before or after the school day. Separate leaflets are available with details of both from the school office and on the school's website with contact details, latest prices etc. A holiday club also operates on most days in the school holiday, open from 8am to 6pm.

Clubs

Clubs run some afternoons after school with some lunchtime clubs. Some are free for children; others need to be paid for as they are run by private businesses / instructors. We will advise you on a termly basis of the clubs that will be running and more information is available on our website.

Keeping in Touch

Home/School Partnership

On entry to school we ask parents to sign our home/school agreement to recognise that we are in partnership in educating your child.

We all appreciate that children have already learnt a great deal from the experiences and opportunities given to them by their parents/carers.

The continued involvement of parents and carers is crucial to each child's successful learning, and we look forward to developing this link through a variety of ways:

Informal meetings

Meeting and talking with your child's teacher regularly can avoid unnecessary anxiety and misunderstanding. It is important to share concerns and work together to resolve problems, however staff are very busy in the mornings setting up for the school day, so if the area for discussion might be private or lengthy, please seek a mutually agreeable time for a chat.

Consultation Meetings

During each term, you will be able to meet with your child's teacher to discuss progress and to outline plans to support your child's next stage of development. The Headteacher runs a crèche at these meetings so children can be looked after while parents talk to the class teacher.

It is the school's policy to provide **one** appointment time per child.

End of Year Report

In the summer term you will receive a report summarising your child's achievements during the year including some targets for the following year.

Newsletters

To keep you in touch with school events and school issues we produce a regular newsletter which is emailed to you or given to your child to bring home. It is also displayed in the school notice boards at the school entrances, and available to download from our website.

School Gateway

The school uses a software programme called School Gateway, which enables it to send texts and messages via mobile phones and emails. If you do not wish to receive information this way please let the school office know.

Blog

Each year group has its own blog which is updated regularly with work that each class has been doing throughout the term. The link can be found on top of the newsletter or via our website through the pupils' work menu and choosing your child's class.

Letters and Flyers relating to activities for children and their families

The school often receives letters, etc from organisations, agencies, charities and businesses related to activities for school aged children and their families. We do from time to time send these home but this does not mean we are approving or recommending the activity. We are only acting as a distributor.

Curriculum information

From time to time you will be invited to meetings about specific curriculum areas.

Supporting children's learning at home

Children are encouraged to bring books home to read with parents/carers at all ages. Homework is provided from the Reception Year onwards and includes activities for children to undertake at home to support their work in school. It is hoped that you will encourage your child to complete the tasks and offer help where necessary. Our Homework Policy is available on the website.

Supporting children's learning in school

Parent helpers are very welcome in school. All support is valued whether it is listening and talking to children about their activities, reading or sharing a particular skill or hobby. Disclosure & Barring Service checks are necessary for this sort of support.

Arrangements for dealing with complaints

We encourage parents with any complaints, including those regarding the curriculum, collective worship or special educational needs, to discuss these initially with their child's teacher. If this fails to resolve concerns then a meeting with the Headteacher should be sought. If, after this, there is still dissatisfaction, a complaint may be lodged with the school governors. A leaflet about our complaints procedure is available on request.

Behaviour

At Icknield Walk School we know that children learn best when they feel happy and secure and because of this we place great importance on developing children's self confidence and self esteem. All aspects of children's achievements including good behaviour are recognised by giving rewards such as stickers, certificates or verbal praise. Recognising success in this way develops children's self-confidence and encourages them to take the next steps in their learning.

Good Behaviour Policy

In order to learn well children need a calm, well-ordered and purposeful classroom. Uncooperative or disruptive behaviour can seriously affect the quality of learning experienced by others in the classroom. For this reason we have our school rules and at the beginning of each year every class develops their own set of rules for their classroom. Our rules try to ensure that children will be happy, feel safe and respect others and their environment. They learn that breaking the rules will have consequences for them.

Our School Rules

Do be gentle	Don't hurt anybody
Do be kind and helpful	Don't hurt people's feelings
Do work hard	Don't waste time
Do look after property	Don't waste or damage things
Do listen to people	Don't interrupt
Do be honest	We always tell the truth

It is the school policy to adopt a firm but fair approach on matters of school discipline. Problems are dealt with, as and when they arise, by class teachers or the Headteacher. If there are incidents that cannot be resolved in school, parental support is expected. Our Behaviour Policy and our Anti-Bullying Policy are available on our website and on request from the office.

Attending School and Punctuality

Reception to Year 4

Bringing your child to school

School starts at 8.55 am.

Class doors will open at 8.50 am to allow children/parents/carers to come into school. Please do not arrive onto the school grounds more than five minutes before school starts or leave your children unattended until settled into the classroom. There is no adult supervision on the playground before school starts.

Collecting your child from school

It is parents'/carers' responsibility to collect their children when school closes at 3.10 pm. Each class has its own door and children will be supervised leaving by that door.

To ensure the safety of all children, please help the class teachers by:

1. Telling the teacher if someone else will be collecting your child;
2. Telephoning the school office as early as possible if your normal arrangements have to be changed unexpectedly.
3. Informing the school in writing if your child (in year 4) is going home unaccompanied.

SCHOOL SECURITY

To ensure the safety of all pupils visitors are required to use the main entrance and to sign in during the school day.

All latecomers are required to use the main entrance after 9.00 am.

Punctuality and attendance

It is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure that their child attends school regularly and arrives on time. Much progress can be lost when attendance is irregular and much of the teacher's and other children's time can be wasted by latecomers.

Punctuality

The registers are taken at the start of the morning and afternoon sessions. The registers remain open from 8.55-9.00 am and from 1.10-1.15 pm. If a pupil arrives after 9.00 am he/she will be marked as late. Children arriving after 9.30 am will be marked as absent for the morning session. Punctuality and lateness records are monitored regularly by the Headteacher who may wish to discuss problems with parents.

Attendance

It is clearly not allowed to keep your child away from school for trivial reasons such as birthday treats, haircuts, buying new shoes etc. Appointments for medical reasons i.e. doctors, dentist, opticians etc. should, where possible, be made for out of school hours and during school holidays.

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please inform the **school office** in advance by letter or email. If your child is unwell please email or phone the school office before 9.30 am on the first day of absence. In accordance with the school Attendance Policy, the school office will check up on any absences where a reason has not been notified.

Unauthorised absence will be followed up by the Attendance Improvement Officer.

Holiday absence

Absences during term time can be very disruptive to a child's learning. Please remember that pupils are only in school for 190 days during the year and there are plenty of days left to enjoy extended holidays.

Government guidance is that holidays in term time will only be agreed to in very exceptional circumstances.

Regular attendance is essential to enable all children to gain maximum benefit from the educational opportunities that the school provides
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School term dates can be seen on our website or a paper copy can be provided on request at the school office.

Bringing your child by car

Poplar Drive and Icknield Walk get very busy so sensible and considerate parking is essential. We enjoy good relations with neighbours of the school and this could so easily be lost if inconsiderate parking occurs.

Please do not:

- Drive into and park in the school grounds
- Double Park
- Park in Poplar Close
- Park on the pavement/across driveways
- Park on red areas outside school or on the yellow zigzags.

Walk to School

The benefits of walking to school include health advantages and increased time to talk and socialise with friends as well as cutting down the volume of traffic that could be a danger to children. We also have plenty of bike and scooter parking.

Safety Rules

- Children must be closely supervised if climbing on the tyre park or play equipment before or after school. Please do not let your child use this equipment when wet or muddy.
- Dogs, except Guide dogs, must not be brought onto the school grounds.

What To Wear In School

Wearing a school uniform immediately helps children to feel part of the school community. It also encourages the development of a sense of pride in belonging to the school and a responsibility towards the school community. On a very practical level, it saves a lot of fuss in the mornings! We have devised a uniform that is available from a wide range of suppliers.

The Icknield Walk uniform consists of

- Royal blue sweatshirts / cardigans
- Light blue polo-shirts
- Plain grey school trousers or shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses
- Blue checked dresses in the summer
- For a full list please see the school Uniform Policy.

All items with the school logo - sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts - are available to buy from School Yard Ltd (there is a direct link from our website). You can also buy baseball/legionnaire caps, book bags, rucksacks, P.E. bags, water bottles from the school office.

You do not have to buy uniform with the school logo, but all clothing must be in the correct school colours.

Footwear

Sensible, plain flat black shoes suitable for school activities are preferred. High fashion boots, trainers, croc, UGG boots and sandals are not permitted. Trainers and plimsolls are only to be used for P.E.

Physical Education

All children need a P.E. kit (see Uniform Policy) which is kept in a small kit bag in their classroom. PE kit should be brought to school every Monday and collected on Fridays for washing/checking for size. Children with long hair must tie it back for P.E.

All children (including Reception year) will need an outdoor PE kit for the cold weather.

For health and safety reasons, please remember:

- No nail varnish to be worn in school
- No jewellery - including **no earrings** at all during the school day
- From year 2 onwards children can wear a watch (which must not be a smart watch with a camera) to school but this is at their own risk. The school cannot be held responsible for loss or damage.

All items of clothing should be clearly named. We try very hard not to have lost property - please check cloakrooms and classrooms as soon as you realise something is missing. There is a lost property box in the year 4 corridor that can also be checked.

No personal items please! We would be grateful if you would not allow your child to bring any other equipment such as pens and pencils or toys into school in case they get lost or damaged.

Please help your child to feel part of our school community by dressing him or her in the school uniform
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Health Matters

What do I do if my child is ill?

Please notify the school office by telephone or email on the first day of absence before 9.30am.

Sickness/diarrhoea

After sickness or diarrhoea, children must stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode.

Contact persons

In the event of a child becoming ill at school, parents/carers will be contacted. However, please ensure that an alternative contact person/telephone number has been given to the school in the event that we are unable to contact you.

Medicines in school

Asthma inhalers

Children are responsible for their own inhalers (especially year 2 upwards) and should have them at school every day. A spare one should be kept in the classroom at school at all times. We request that you check these termly to ensure they are still in date and have enough medication in them.

Long term medication

Children with chronic long-term illnesses or those with epilepsy will have a care plan drawn up by a senior member of staff in agreement with parents.

Short term medication

If your doctor has prescribed a course of medication to be taken three times a day, this can be given at home in the morning, directly after school and before bed time. If the medication has to be administered four times a day, then the school will endeavour to administer this at lunch time. Please take into account that school is a very busy environment and we are not obliged to administer any medication if we do not have the resources to do so. Parents / carers must fill out a form obtained from the school office or available to download from our website before any medication can be administered. This applies to prescription medication only.

Please check our Medicines Policy on our website for further details.

No smoking

A no smoking policy covers both the building and grounds.

First Aid

We can give only very basic first aid such as cleaning wounds with water. A high proportion of staff have undertaken basic first aid courses and a member of the lunchtime team has particular responsibility at this time. We have a well-equipped first aid room and staff are available to care for any pupil feeling unwell until parents arrive to take them home or to the doctors/hospital if needed. Parents will be informed by letter / sticker on the child if he/she has had a bumped head for example. All accidents needing treatment are recorded.

Health Checks

We have good links with the School Nurse and she is happy to meet with parents of those children who have chronic health problems to resolve any difficulties.

From time to time the School Medical Services carries out occasional medicals and dental inspections at school. Parents and carers are always informed prior to the activities taking place and are responsible for following up the findings.

Sun Awareness

In periods of sunny weather/high temperatures, parents are asked to:

- Provide clothing which covers the skin and protects from the sun, including hats (wide brimmed or legionnaire's hat which cover the back of the neck)
- Apply a good quality, long lasting, waterproof sunscreen with a high protection factor (15+ SPF) and high UVA protection just before the children come to school
- Provide a sunscreen, preferably a stick (no spray) as this is easier for the child to apply so children can top up their sun protection before going out to play. Please ensure this is labelled with the child's name and is handed to the class teacher to be kept in school
- If necessary provide sunglasses with UV lens protection
- Help fundraising activities to provide more shade in school

As a school we will:

- Encourage the children to wear hats, glasses and clothing that covers shoulders in particular when going outside
- Remind the children to keep their fluid intake high by encouraging the use of their water bottles inside and outside
- Find shady areas to play in
- Timetable sports activities e.g. sports days, to be in the mornings before the sun is at its strongest
- Bring the children inside at lunchtime play if needed
- Talk about sun safety in PSHE lessons on a regular basis for all ages of pupils, as well as assemblies

School Meals, Food and Drinks

School Meals

Lunchtime is part of the whole school experience and meals are cooked on site to strict nutritional standards.

Children can choose from a hot meal option, hot vegetarian option, jacket potato option or a school packed lunch each day. Menus are sent out on a half yearly basis and are displayed on the classroom windows so that you can help your child select the preferred choice each day.

Under current Government legislation all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive free school meals. For children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 costs are published on the school website and in school newsletters.

We also offer a 'Wednesday Roast' and 'Funday Friday' option for children who want to have either of the hot meal options on a Wednesday and/or Friday. If a child is having a Wednesday or Friday lunch this must be paid for termly, and if both days, half termly.

Please send payment for school meals in an envelope marked with your child's name. If you wish to pay by cheque please make it payable to Hertfordshire Catering Limited (or HCL). You may also pay using a credit or debit card on line through School Comms. Log onto our school website to find the details. You will be given a password and user name when your child starts school. If you feel you are entitled to claim free school meals, please ask at the office for a helpline telephone number to ring.

We need at least a week's notice to change from school meals to packed lunches or to go onto school lunches.

Packed lunches from home

If you would prefer, your child can bring a packed lunch. Please make sure their lunch box is named. Please do not include any nuts or peanut butter in their lunches as they may be sitting next to a child that has a nut allergy. It is also important for parents to note that as we are a 'healthy school' we aim for home packed lunches to give children a healthy balanced meal, so please do not include fizzy drinks and sweets. Don't forget if you pack a yoghurt or similar please provide a spoon too!

Snack time

During morning break we provide a fruit or vegetable snack for children in Key Stage 1 (Reception, year 1 and year 2), and encourage Key Stage 2 (year 3 and 4) to bring some fruit or vegetable snacks from home or they can join the fruit and vegetable snack scheme and pay a small amount each week for a piece of fruit or vegetable each day.

Drinks in school

Milk

Children in Reception, KS1 and KS2 can have one carton of milk each day. Payment has to be made in advance.

Other drinks

Children not having milk can drink water from the class taps or the cold water fountain can be used to top up their water bottles. All children should have a water bottle available in school daily. Sports water bottles (and spare lids) can be purchased from the school office. Children are encouraged to drink water as and when they feel they need it.

People at Icknield Walk

Staff

A full staff list is available on our website.

Our Governing Body

The Governing Body is made up of parents, staff and members of the local community. This group of people, elected for four years, are responsible for the school, its building and the people who work there - pupils and staff. They meet two or three times a term, both as a whole and in committees to deal with various responsibilities.

Areas regularly discussed include:-

- School Curriculum and Pastoral matters
- Building maintenance and new works
- Health & Safety
- Finance
- Staffing

Each governor also adopts a subject area throughout their term of office to provide a link between policy making and its impact on the children's education.

A list of governors can be found on our website.

Should you wish to contact any governor, please feel free to do so through the school office. Minutes of Governors meetings are available for viewing once approved. Please ask at the office for the latest copies.

Parent Teacher Association

The Parent Teacher Association is a group of parents and teachers who work together to discuss and organise fund-raising and social events within school. These events raise extra, much needed money, to be spent on items to help in our children's education.

A list of PTA members will be published in the newsletter each year.

How you can help

Help and ideas for fund-raising are always welcome. If you are interested, please contact the school office for further details, or come along to one of the meetings which are advertised in the newsletters.

If helping to run an event is not for you, supporting events with family and friends is just as important and equally welcomed. Posters are put up on school windows and on the two entrance notice boards advertising events, as well as them being advertised in newsletters and on the website.

We look forward to working together with you for the benefit of all pupils at Ickniel Walk.

Support

What if my child needs more support?

A small number of our children need extra support within their learning. This will be provided by the classroom staff. Children who experience significant difficulties at school over a period of time are identified in line with the Department for Education's code of practice. Our SENCO will ensure appropriate intervention is planned and delivered to your child, and if necessary outside agencies will be asked to support and advise teaching staff.

Able, Gifted and Talented pupils

We work hard to ensure that all able, gifted and talented children are challenged and stretched in their lessons to enable them to achieve the highest standards.

Pupils with Disabilities / Asylum Seekers / Looked After Children / Pupils who are learning English as an additional language

Children enter school with a diverse range of needs or will have changes in circumstances occurring throughout their time at school. Parents can be assured that all the staff will support the children to the best of their abilities and use the Local Authority support staff and its policies to ensure all children can access all aspects of school life.

Ofsted Inspections

The last Ofsted Inspection Report is available as a link from our website or a hard copy can be provided for parents from the school office on request. Icknield Walk was described as an outstanding school.

We really appreciate your views on the school brochure.

Please return this form to the school office to let us know if you found it useful or if there is anything else you would like to be included.