

How do I make an application for a school place?

Reception to Year 6 – applications should be made through the Haringey Admissions Site. Please go to our Virtual Office section and Admissions pages for information about our admissions process.

What if my child has special needs?

We are an inclusive school and we welcome all children. Our SENDCo Leader, Teresa McMeakin, is highly experienced and is always happy to meet with parents and carers to discuss specific concerns. We also have staff in school who are trained and have years of experience in providing specialist support for children with SEND.

What if my child has English as an additional language (EAL)?

Bernice Joseph, a member of our Teaching Staff, is our EAL Lead and has years' of experience working with EAL children. All EAL children are assessed when they start at the school so that we can determine their knowledge of the English language and Bernice then tracks their progress by working with them directly and/or supporting the teaching staff in the classroom.

Is there before and after school wraparound care?

Yes – from 7.40am to 6.00pm for children from Reception to Year 6. See our Wraparoundcare section for more information about Breakfast Club and After School Club.

What should I do if my child is not well?

If your child is too unwell to attend school then they should be kept at home. You should telephone the school office every day of their absence to tell us why they are unable to come to school. If you are unsure whether your child will be able to cope at school due to illness, please bring them into school and have a word with a member of staff so that we can be alerted to any potential difficulties. Please be assured that we will contact you should your child's health deteriorate during the day. For more information about child illness please refer to our Health & Welfare section.

COVID-19 – any children with any one of the three symptoms of COVID should remain at home. Please follow Public Health Guidelines to report the case by calling 111 for advice and guidance and also notify us by emailing the office at admin@tetherdownschool.org. If you receive a positive COVID-19 test, report this to the school immediately. You can find further information on our COVID-19 pages including how to report a positive test to the school.

Are children given homework?

This depends on your child's age. You will receive information about home learning and our expectations at the beginning of each year.

Do you have a School Council?

Yes, and the members of our School Council make a fantastic contribution to the life of the school. Our School Council meets at least once a month with a member of staff. As well as putting forward the views of the children in their class, the councillors also help with other things in the school.

Where can I buy the school PE Kit?

Our PE Kit is purchased through Stevenson's. For more information go to the Parent section on our website.

What is the best time to talk to my child's teacher?

If you wish to talk to your child's teacher please send an email directly to them and arrange an appointment if your concern cannot be resolved via email.

What should I do if I feel my child is unhappy at school?

The happiness of the children is our priority, and we take concerns about their wellbeing very seriously. If you feel your child is unhappy, please speak to their class teacher. You can do so by emailing them directly and or normally making an appointment through the school office.

Can I park at the school?

Unfortunately, we do not have car parking facilities on site for our parents and carers. In addition, there is restricted parking control measures in place around the residential roads at certain times so please check before you drive and park. If you do use a car to drop off and or pick up around the school, we ask everyone to park legally and with due consideration for our neighbours. Please do not park down the side road between the allotments for any reason as this is a private road and it is not safe for the children arriving at and leaving school.

Can my child walk to school alone?

Only children in Year 5 and Year 6 are allowed to walk to school alone. Their parent/carer must have completed and submitted an online Independent Traveller form which can be found under the Parents on our website.

How much is a school meal?

The daily cost is £2.80 (starting April 2022)

If I choose to give my child a packed lunch what should I include?

We are a nut free school. We encourage healthy eating and expect parents to choose healthily when creating a packed lunch. Fizzy drinks, sweets and chocolate are not allowed.

What is the difference between Universal Infant School Meals and Free School Meals?

We believe it is important to provide the necessary support to every family in our school community. As part of this, we think it's important to provide clear information so that every family is able to get the financial support they are eligible for.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) are available to all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. Funding is provided to the school directly and is used by the school to provide free school meals to infants at UK schools.

Free School Meals (FSM) on the other hand is financial support provided to children of families who fall under certain qualifying criteria. These criteria, and more information can be found on the gov.uk apply for free school meals website: [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-free-school-meals)

While parents may not need to apply for FSM for their child if the child is still young enough to receive UIFSM, it is still important to tell the local authority if your family falls under any of the qualifying criteria. This is because if you don't do so, you will not be able to receive free school

meal vouchers over the summer, or in the event of school closures. Additionally, schools only receive pupil premium funding for every child registered for FSM.

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals please see our Parent/School Meal page on our website for further information.

Can I get free school meals?

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. Children may be entitled to free school meals in other year groups if their parents/carers meet the criteria for the Pupil Premium Grant. For further information please see our Parent pages on our website.

What do I do if my child has lost a piece of clothing?

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly named either with a sewn in label or with indelible ink. Half termly we 'put out' all lost property in the Junior playground for parents to look through. Any items not recovered at the end of term are given to charity.

Which school should my child go to when they leave at the end of Year 6?

We are very lucky to have a number of excellent secondary schools in our nearby area. Before you make your decision about which to apply for, please make sure that you and your child visit the schools on their Open Days so that you can decide which one best suits their needs. If you need any guidance or support with completing the application form please contact the school office and they will be happy to help.

How can parents get involved?

Every parent and carer at the school is a member of Friends of Tetherdown the schools' Parent and Staff Association and everyone is welcome to get involved. To find out more please see the Community section of our website.