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Welcome to Cherry Class
@ The Dell





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Welcome

Welcome to The Dell @
Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School and Nursery.

This booklet is an introduction to our SEND hub setting, called The Dell, because of its leafy surroundings. It is situated towards the rear of the carpark at Shrewsbury Cathedral Catholic Primary School and Nursery.

We understand that starting in a new setting can be daunting. However, we want to assure you that when you join The Dell @ Cathedral School, you are joining our whole School family. As a family, we will work together to provide the best care for your child and support for you. Our aim is to provide the best educational experience we can and we pride ourselves in striving for the best outcomes by working together with you and your family.

We hope this booklet enables you to find the information you need and answers any questions you may have.

If you do find yourself still wondering about anything, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are always here and happy to help.



Mr Higgins - Lead @ The Dell





Meet the Team @ The Dell



Mr Higgins



Miss Morgan



Mrs Kaszubowska



Miss Sinha



The Environment



Cherry Class @ The Dell provides a calm yet stimulating environment to work, learn and play. It is an inclusive space equipped with a sensory room, kitchen and dining area, living room and communal and individual learning areas.

There is access to the school grounds, including our vegetable garden and forest school area, through our own private garden which itself is equipped with a number of outdoor learning facilities and activity centres.



Each class is assigned a bird and tree. This is a Japanese White-Eye feeding from the sweet nectar of blossom on a Cherry Tree.





The School Day

Timings @ The Dell

Starting times @ The Dell will be flexible in terms of individual and family needs. Generally we will be expecting registration to be at 9.30 with an arranged check-in and handover between the team and carers or parents.

We are aware that some children will need transporting in and out of our setting with different providers. We will always endeavour to make these transition periods become a seamless part of a set routine.

At times it may be appropriate for your child to enter the school building with their own class in the playground or through the school reception area but we will co-ordinate this with you .

Generally a day in The Dell will end at 2.30.

If you, or you know your transport provider, are going to be late please inform the school at the earliest opportunity.





Part of the Family - **Paired Class and Buddies**

Our aim is to integrate members of Cherry Class @ The Dell into mainstream activities within the whole school, as much as possible, so that they can develop socially and emotionally alongside their peers. This will be done on an individual basis according to need, want and appropriateness.

Each child who joins Cherry Class @ The Dell will be an integral part of their own class in school too. They will meet the teacher and children in that class and given the opportunity and encouraged to work with partners, in small groups or whole class situations when possible. We will facilitate and encourage participation in as much of the National Curriculum as possible within socially beneficial groups.

Each child who joins Cherry Class @ The Dell will be paired with a Buddy, usually from their own year group or from Year 6. When needed, Buddies will support their friend during lunch time, assemblies, when outside on the playground, during sports day or other whole school activities.





Uniform @ The Dell

School uniform – available from <http://www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk/>

(This is not essential to start with—please discuss with us)

All children are expected to wear full school uniform. If there are any reasons why this might be a problem please discuss this with the team during your initial visit or during the transition process. We will work with you to accommodate any specific needs.

As we will be working to a flexible programme, we would appreciate a bag containing PE and Forest School clothes to be left in school during the week so that your child has the option of joining these activities when they are able to do so.

Boys Uniform

Dark blue V-neck sweatshirt
with school logo (School Shop Direct)
Pale blue cotton shirt
(long or short sleeves)
School tie (School Shop Direct)
Grey trousers / grey shorts in summer
School socks – black or grey
Black shoes



Girls Uniform

Dark blue V-neck sweatshirt or
dark blue cardigan with school logo
Pale blue cotton shirt
(long or short sleeves)
School tie (School Shop Direct)
Grey skirt/trousers/pinafore
Sky blue/white check dress (summer)
White socks (plain grey or black
tights may be worn in winter)
Black shoes





Uniform

School Book Bag (School Shop Direct)

All pupils are encouraged to be neatly presented at all times.

Long hair should be tied back.

Children may wear a sensible wrist watch.

Only small plain studs are permitted in school.

Children should not wear **any** jewellery on P.E. and swimming days.

The wearing of nail varnish is not permitted.

P.E. Games and Swimming Kit

School PE T-shirt (School Shop Direct)

Navy shorts

Plimsoles/trainers

Navy or black joggers in cold weather.

All items of clothing must be clearly marked with pupil's name and checked regularly.

School trousers, skirts dresses and pale blue shirts are available from most high street stores or Supermarkets.





Forest School @ The Dell

Forest School is an approach to education that embraces the outdoors as a learning environment. It is about children, young people and adults experiencing learning sessions in a designated Forest School site. Staff will use learning and teaching strategies that raise self-esteem, develop confidence, independence and language and communication skills. Children are intrinsically motivated outdoors. The natural world stimulates their desire to learn and discover. We all learn better when we have a real interest in what we are doing.

Many children and young people benefit from and prefer a practical element to their learning, and achieve greater levels of success in this context than a traditional classroom environment. Behaviour and desire to learn improve and often impact on achievement. The Dell is situated with access directly into this area of school and it will be utilised as much as possible.

At Forest School children learn to assess and manage risks and develop lifelong learning skills. Forest School has physical, social and health benefits; helping young people to enjoy physical activity outdoors in increasingly sedentary lives.

Confidence increases in the natural environment, with respect, knowledge and understanding about environmental issues locally and nationally.

Forest School takes place in all weathers and all seasons. Children and adults must be dressed appropriately as 'there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing!'.

Children are encouraged to explore and investigate; they need clothes that enable them to do this. As a parent said, 'You can wash away the mud, but you can't wash away the experience'.

Forest school clothing:

Jogging bottoms, sweatshirt, wellies, waterproof trousers and jacket. These items will get muddy!





Protocols

Together we can provide the best for your child.

Illness:

If your child is ill and unable to attend The Dell please telephone or email the school admin team. If your child is ill during school hours and needs collecting we will contact you via your emergency contact list.

Home School Contact:

We value an open and honest home school relationship and feel that this is the best way to support your child. Please make sure that all contact details are kept up to date, that you respond to communication from the school and know that we operate an open door policy. If you need to discuss anything with staff members @ The Dell please don't hesitate to contact the school to organise this.

Incident Reportage:

We will endeavour to inform you of any incidents that occur that we feel may impact on your child, their behaviour or well being, when returning home from The Dell. We ask that you reciprocate this level of communication.

News Letter:

The weekly News Letter will be sent on a Friday by our admin team via email unless you request a paper copy.



Term Dates

<u>AUTUMN TERM 2022</u>	
PD Day:	Monday 5 th September 2022
PD DAY:	Friday 21 st October 2022
Main Term:	Tuesday 6 th September 2022
Half Term:	Monday 24 th October 2022 – Friday 28 th October 2022
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 19th December 2022 – Friday 30th December 2022	
<u>SPRING TERM 2023</u>	
Bank Holi-day:	Monday 2 nd January 2023
PD Day:	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
Main Term:	Wednesday 4 th January 2023 – Friday 31 st March 2023
Half Term:	Monday 20 th February 2023 – Friday 24 th February 2023
EASTER HOLIDAY Monday 3rd April 2023 – Friday 14th April 2023	
<u>SUMMER TERM 2023</u>	
Main Term:	Monday 17 th April 2023 – Friday 21 st July 2023
Bank Holi-day:	Monday 1 st May 2023
Half Term:	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June 2023
PD Day:	Monday 24 th July 2023
PD Day:	Tuesday 25 th July 2023
SUMMER HOLIDAY 2023: Wednesday 26th July 2023 – Thursday 31st August 2023	
<i>There will be a PD day on Friday 1st September 2023</i>	