



North Baddesley Junior School

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Introduction for new Year 3 parents – September 2024 intake

Dear prospective parent/carer,

Welcome to North Baddesley Junior School. We are extremely pleased that you are thinking about sending your child to our wonderful school. We hope you enjoy looking around. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Our website contains all of the important information you may require, but here we have summarised some of the key points. Click on the link and it will take you to [our Website](#).

Admission

You must apply for a place in year 3. For September 2023 we are offering 90 places in three classes. You must have your application in by **15th January 2023** to ensure your application is considered by Hampshire Admissions team in the first round. We do not make any of the decisions for the year 3 entry and Admissions will apply the admission criteria to all applications received by the closing date. You will be notified on **16th April 2024**, and if we are oversubscribed, a waiting list system will operate from 26th April 2023. Please click on the link to read [our admissions policy](#).

Transfer is not automatic – you must get your application in. Don't forget to always put down multiple choices – if you do not express a second or third preference you could be allocated to any school that has any spaces (as it appears you have no other preference). Please note that Hampshire and Southampton Admissions authorities are completely separate and if you live out of catchment and fall under [Southampton City Council](#) then you should apply through them.

Houses

Pupils are placed into one of four houses. If there is already a sibling in the junior school we will put the year 3 pupil into the same house. The Houses are Abbotswood (sky blue), Embleywood (yellow), Knightswood (red) and Lordswood (green). We have House Captains for each house. Children can also apply to be school council reps and eco-committee from Year 3 upwards.

Uniform - [statement of practice.](#)

School Kit in Eastleigh and Totton stock our uniform. The children need a PE T-shirt in their house colour and a dark green sweatshirt/cardigan. Polo shirts are also available with the embroidered logo – but this is not essential. Collared shirts are popular. Pupils must have black school shoes and separate trainers for games. Grey or black trousers or skirts can change to green check summer dresses or tailored shorts in the summer.

Dinners

Dinners are not free of charge in the junior phase unless you are registered for Free School Meals. As this brings extra funding into school, we would encourage you to apply for FSM ([Free School Meals](#)) even if your child prefers packed lunch. Payments can be made by Tucasi (allowing use of credit cards) or cash. The hot dinner menu is very similar to the dinners served in the infant school, but we usually have a third choice depending on the time of year (picnic lunch boxes, jacket potatoes or “street food” style menu). Any special menus transfer with the children. The current cost of a meal is £3:00.

School day

Pupils can come in from 8.40 a.m. for an 8.50 a.m. start. Break is at 10.45 a.m. and snacks can be purchased from the kitchen or pupils can bring in their own healthy snack. Milk can be ordered and is handed out by our milk monitors at break time. Lunch is between 12.10pm and 1.15pm with the school day ending at 3.20pm. Each year group has a dedicated entrance point – the Year 3 pupils enter/leave by the door at the far end of the building.

Clubs

A wide variety of clubs are offered, some paid for, some free. Sports clubs may be run by an outside provider (PBED, Karate, tennis, Gym and Spanish) or by our staff. Currently four clubs run before school – karate, netball, and tennis.

Music tuition by Hampshire Music Service is available – parents will be asked to commit to signing up for lessons at the end of year 2 with a non-refundable deposit. In year 4 pupils will get the chance to learn an instrument – either a trumpet or trombone with whole class tuition provided by Mountbatten Music Academy. We also offer ‘Rock to the Beat.’

Communications

We use ParentMail for most communications. We produce a weekly newsletter named "Contact" which is usually parent mailed out to parents and is posted on the website. We also put information and copies of letters on the website.

Please think very carefully when asked to complete the paperwork regarding the use of pupil images – if you do not give permission then your child will not appear in any communications. We never give full names out in photo captions.

End of day routine

Our staff bring the children out at the end of the school day. It really helps if your child knows exactly who is collecting them at the end of the school day. If this changes or your child does not recognise anyone to collect them, then they should always stay with the class teacher who will then take them back to reception where they can wait and we can contact you. In upper school, pupils may make their way home by themselves if you are confident that they can do so safely. If you are delayed for pick-up then call the office who will get a message to the pupil asking for them to wait in reception. If a friend or neighbour acts as an unexpected substitute, please always go into reception or ring us to notify us that an arrangement has changed.

[Kidzplay – Wrap around care at North Baddesley Juniors.](#)

Kidzplay are an outside provider that hire our resources room and offer wrap around care before and after school. You can book their places online. Please click on link above to learn more about them.

Transition

There are several transition activities which enable the year 2 pupils to get to know the junior school routines. For example, we have a buddying system whereby a year 5 pupil is paired with a year 2 pupil so they have someone they recognise. We have a joint sports event, reading activity, treasure hunt round school and other sessions in the summer term. Staff from both schools get together to discuss pupil information including any Special Educational Needs or information which would be useful to help with the transition. Year 3 classrooms are grouped together and they have their own toilets, reading schemes and a large break out area.

Getting involved

Throughout the year, we hold showcase afternoons, which you are welcome to come in and see the learning that has taken place. Often classroom activities are laid on which adults can get involved in. Each class has an assembly to parents. Years 3 will be involved in a Christmas production. Thereafter, years 4, 5 and 6 have a performance/production in their own right. There will be at least one trip or experience per term. In 2023-24 these will include Hillier Gardens, Beaulieu World War II experience, Romsey & North Baddesley (local study) for example.

We are always delighted to welcome parent helpers/readers and we will apply for DBS certification if you would like to help out (this is free as a volunteer).

How are things different?

Independence is a high priority whilst at the junior school. The children quickly take on more responsibility for themselves and their learning. There will be homework and also home learning tasks which have a longer window. All pupils have a locker to keep their bags/PE kit/coats in. They also have a tray in the classroom for books. Pencil bags and stationery are provided because we have designated pens for specific tasks. They will get to know a lot of acronyms and they will be trained to use "working wall" displays and select their own equipment.

We pay for home learning licences for Education City and Times Tables Rockstars. We use Goggle Classroom for setting homework. It is intended to mimic what is expected at secondary school. There is a short residential in Year 4 to a local activity centre, and a full week in Year 6.

What next?

You must make an application by January 15th 2023. Transfer is not automatic, so if you miss the application date, your application will not be considered until after all on-time places have been allocated.

If you decide to pick us as your chosen school and are offered a place then you will be invited in to school for a **'Welcome Meeting'** on **Tuesday 11th June 2024** at 2:00 where we will go through the finer details. During this meeting you will find out which class and house your child has been placed in. We are also planning a meet the new teacher session for parents/carers – once the children know who their teacher will be, we will have an open house meeting for you to meet their teacher too.

Thank you for coming and we look forward to you and your child becoming part of our community.



Best regards,
Miss Lucy Wootten
Head teacher

Link to application site.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

