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# Welcome to Year 4

Working in Year 4 this year are;

Miss Mills

Mrs Jeneson

Mrs Talat



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# Communication

Please inform me if you feel there are any emotional or physical circumstances that may affect your child.

Ways to contact me:

- 1) On the playground at the end of the day.
- 2) By phone – the office will be able to put you through or arrange for me to call you or make an appointment.

We are aiming to cut back on the excess paper used in school. If you have access to email it would be helpful if we could email letters to you. School website is useful for keeping up to date with events.

<http://www.elmridge.trafford.sch.uk/>



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# Approach and Expectations to Reading

Over the next year we want to continue to raise the profile of reading and hopefully share a love and enjoyment of reading that will engage and motivate our children.

- Each child will have a small group guided reading session weekly with myself.
- They will read independently for enjoyment.
- We will go to the library on a Thursday, so books should be in ready to change.
- Home readers will be changed at least once a week on a Friday.



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- We ask that the children read daily for at least 10 minutes and record this in their reading records.
- When a book is finished, the children are asked to write a comment about what they enjoyed or found interesting, explaining why. If they didn't enjoy the book, to also write a comment about why.
- Children need to ensure they are reading a range of genres. If they are finding a level easy and progressing through the books, they will be assessed for the next stage.
- Children are welcome to read a book from home once a half term in preference of one from the reading scheme.



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# How can you help at home?

Listen you your child read regularly.

Discuss the text with them, asking them questions about what they have read.

Signing their reading records weekly.

Supporting school with the homework timetable and expectations.

Enjoy a book together, reading and questioning each other.



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# Homework Timetable

Monday – Spellings and English homework given out. **Due Thursday.**

Tuesday – Science homework given out. **Due Friday.**

Wednesday – Maths homework given out. **Due Monday.**

Reading daily for at least 10 minutes.

3 pieces of missing homework will result in your child's name being recorded in the warning book and a letter home.



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# Weekly timetable

P.E kit is required on Tuesday and Thursday.  
Library books will be changed on Thursday.  
We ask that homework diaries are signed by yourselves weekly and handed in on Friday. These will be signed by myself and spelling results and missed homework will be recorded in these.



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# Presentation

At Elmridge we have a policy for presentation and set high standards for the children.

Pencil for Maths and a blue ink pen for English (When given a pen)

Each piece of work should have the date and title and both should be underlined with a ruler, homework included.

Handwriting should be joined.

Children may use a pen from home. We recommend a pilot pen for use at school which are refillable. Biro's are not used.

Children should be encouraged to check their work once it has been completed.

Children are also encouraged to respond to any feedback given.



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# Physical Education

Children will require a games kit and a PE kit in the school colours:

Yellow t-shirt, green shorts, green jog pants or a green skirt and outdoor trainers / indoor pumps.

Outdoor games is on Tuesday and Indoor PE is on Thursday. However, it is useful to have kit in school on all days in case of changes or special events.

If children forget their kit on more than 3 occasions in a half term, their names will be recorded in the warning book and a letter will be sent home.

If children are unable to participate in PE sessions, a letter from home is required please.

Tights must not be worn for PE.

Jewellery must be removed and the school cannot take responsibility for its safe keeping.



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# School Uniform

Elmridge has a school uniform policy which also refers to hairstyles and jewellery.

## Hairstyles

Hair styles should avoid extremes of length (e.g. grade 1) including on the sides/back with the hair left longer on top. Long hair should be tied back

## Jewellery

As a general rule, the school does not expect children to wear jewellery. A small number of exceptions are permitted:

Only one small single stud earring in each ear is allowed (this must be removed when the pupils are doing PE or games)

Wristwatches may be worn

Medic alert bracelets and necklaces may be worn and need to be visible.

Please ensure all school uniform is labelled with your child's name.



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# Parking and After School Clubs

Wilton Drive and High Elm Drive are no parking zones for parents/guardians dropping off or picking up pupils from school.

Please avoid parking close to street corners.

The school car park should only be used by staff, delivery drivers and disabled drivers at peak times.

Parents are asked not to use the school car park when picking up pupils from after school clubs.



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# Assessment in Year 4

Children will be assessed throughout the year.

Optional SATs testing in May will focus on;

Reading

Spelling, punctuation and grammar

Maths

Verbal and non-verbal reasoning.



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# Robinwood

We have booked Robinwood next year.

We will be going on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019  
and returning on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Mrs Matthews and I will be sending a letter out  
shortly containing payment details.



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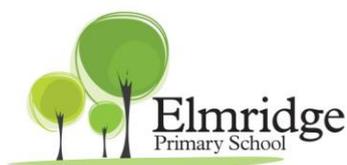


# Home School Agreement

**Pledges for the parent(s) or guardian(s): I/we promise that, having chosen Elmridge Primary School, I/we will accept the school's overall aims and objectives, and positively support the class teacher.**

I/we will endeavour to:

- Ensure regular attendance and punctuality, and provide explanations for absence
- Support high standards of work and behaviour
- Ensure that the school has up-to-date information for emergency contacts
- Keep the school informed on end-of-day child collection arrangements, and support the code of conduct, which seeks to guarantee a caring, secure and disciplined environment
- Let the school know of any problems which might effect work or behaviour
- Attend parent-teacher consultations about attainment and progress
- Encourage homework and other opportunities for home learning
- Support school community events
- Support all school policies



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# Morning Routine

- All class teachers are on the playground prior to the morning whistle being blown, this is to meet/greet the children
- When the whistle is blown we ask parents to wait quietly with their child/ren and support school in getting the children into school quickly and safely by listening to the instructions given by the member of staff that has blown the whistle.
- You may need to speak to your child's class teacher, this is best done at the end of the school day
- If you have an urgent message for your child's class teacher, please feel free to visit the school office. Office staff will ensure messages are passed on to the appropriate member of staff
- Use of the school field or any equipment is not permitted



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# Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

- All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals 'Universal Free School Meal'
- From Year 3 onwards a free school meal is income-related
- All children from Reception to Year 6 may be eligible for a free school meal
- Receipt of free school meal results in school receiving pupil premium funding of £1300 per pupil per year, the money must contribute to 'raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils & closing the gap with peers'
- Pupil Premium funding still needs to be claimed even if your child is receiving the Universal Infant Free School Meal in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 classes
- To apply you will need to share your National Insurance details with school. This can be used by school to check whether your child is eligible for the pupil premium funding
- School must have written permission from parents to use their information
- Check with the school office if you feel you may be eligible



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# Approach to Healthy Eating

## Morning Break:

- Fruit only
- No cereal bars/rice cakes etc

## Water Bottle:

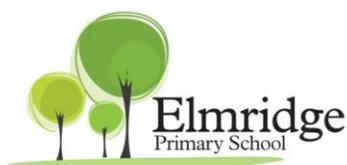
- We ask children to bring a named water bottle that can be taken home each day

## Birthday Celebrations:

- We will no longer be accepting sweets/chocolates to share with their class on their birthday

**Lunchboxes:** The Children's Food Trust recommends they include a piece of food from each of the following categories:

- starchy foods like bread, pasta or potatoes
- fruit and veg, so sticks of cucumber, celery or carrot, alongside a piece of fruit
- meat, fish, eggs and beans - strips of chicken or bean dips
- dairy food such as cheese in a sandwich or a yoghurt/fromage frais
- a drink - milk or water are the best choices for children's teeth, if you want to pack fruit juice, stick to a 150ml portion



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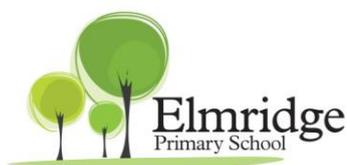
# Key Stage Fund

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have made a contribution to our Key Stage 2 Fund in previous years.

As a Key Stage we really do appreciate your kindness and we put a great deal of thought into how to spend the money in order to achieve the maximum impact for your children.

At Elmridge we pride ourselves on our high quality learning opportunities that meet both the needs and interests of the children. These activities often rely heavily on practical resources. The fund also helps to provide additional resources and materials for developing the children's creative side.

We are inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution of £5 per term to help to contribute to these resources. This is a total of £15 for the school year and works out at less than 50p per week of school. This donation can be made via your ParentPay account. If you are unable to pay by ParentPay then donations can be made in cash, or by cheque made payable to 'Elmridge Primary'.



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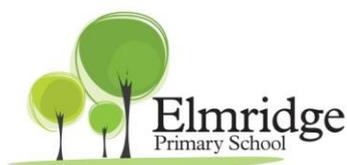
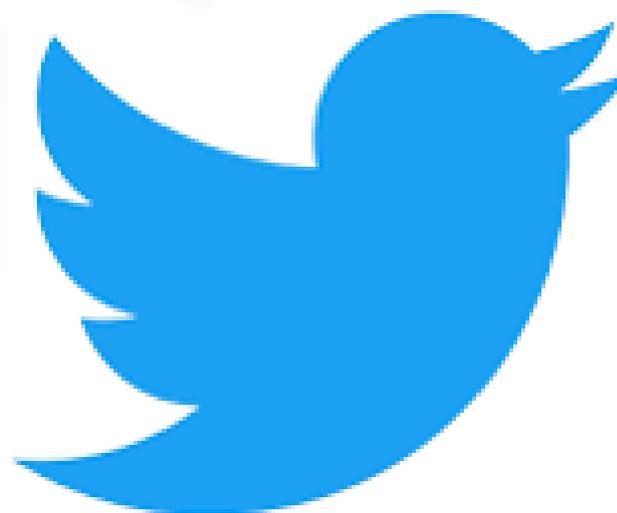
# Twitter - A great way to keep in touch

## SCHOOL TWITTER ADDRESS

@ElmridgeSch

## CLASS TWITTER ADDRESS

@ElmridgeSchY4



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