



VALENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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1. Welcome back

A very warm welcome back to all our returning families and those who are joining us this term. We are delighted to re-open to all our pupils and trust that you are keeping well.

2. Historic times

We continue to follow the current events in our nation during this time of mourning for her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As with other state institutions, school will be closed on Monday 19 September for the funeral. At school, we are helping the pupils to understand these times and support them with any questions they have.



3. Healthy school



We are continuing to work with families and pupils in the promotion of a healthy diet. One area we have been recommended to follow by the Department of Health is the *reduction of sugar* in children's diets. In the light of this, it is school policy to allow pupils to have only **plain water** with their packed lunches. Please do not send in smoothies, yoghurt drinks or squash.

Please remember:

- No nuts of any type
- Only water or milk to drink – the school provides these freely too
- Minimise the number of foods with chocolate or high sugar content

This website has really good ideas: [Lunchbox Ideas](#) | [Recipes](#) | [Change4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

4. Celebrating effort, good behaviour and hard work

At Valence, we place a high value on developing children's sense of worth and self-esteem. We love to celebrate both effort and achievement in academic and social settings. We have an approach where we support pupils to **Go for Gold** based on the following school rules:

- *Listen to and co-operate with each other.*
- *Follow adults' instructions.*
- *Treat everyone with politeness, kindness, courtesy and respect.*
- *Work to the best of our ability.*
- *Move safely and calmly around school.*
- *Respect our school environment.*

Children who consistently follow the school rules, who set a positive example for others to follow and who demonstrate a positive attitude to others can achieve a GOLD reward.



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5. Home – school communication

We are using Class Dojo for communicating with parents & carers. Your child's class teacher will invite you to join the class forum.

6. Collecting your child

Please ensure that the class teacher is fully aware of the adults whom you have designated to collect your child. If there is a change, please call the office asap.

7. School reminders

Our website is a source of up-to-date information. Here are a few items:

- Please do not smoke near the school gates
- No dangly earrings for safety reasons
- Don't park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school gates as this endangers pupils and may result in a fine from the LA
- Avoid doing U-Turns up onto the pavements as this is dangerous for pedestrians



8. Wraparound provision

Our before and after school provision (GEMS) is operating on both sites, and we have spaces. Please enquire at the offices should you wish to know more details. The provision is run by our highly experienced school staff.

9. Rights Respecting School

We are excited to start our journey to becoming a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. Over the coming months, we will be updating you on what this looks like for Valence pupils and parents. Please have a look at the UNICEF website for more details.

[The Rights Respecting Schools Award | UNICEF UK](#)

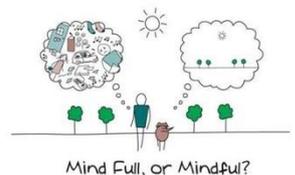


10. PE kit

Pupils are asked to wear a PE shirt that is the colour of their sports house. This will help the children identify more closely with their teammates.

11. Curriculum

We continue to teach a broad and balanced curriculum with a key focus on developing maths and literacy skills alongside science, history, geography, art, design and technology, and sport. We also deliver PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) lessons, which are designed to support pupils with their emotional and mindful development.



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