



Education in England The Primary Phase - from 4 years to 11 years

West Sussex Ethnic Minority
Achievement Service
and
West Sussex Refugee Resettlement Team

Types of schools



You can choose to send your child to:

- **A Local Authority school** (funded by local government)
- **An Academy or Free school** (funded by central government)
- **A Faith school**
- **An Independent/ Private school, where you pay fees**

Or you can educate your child at home, either full or part-time. This is called home schooling or **Elective Home Education**



Where will my child go to school?

- Children usually go to the school closest to their home
- Contact **West Sussex Admissions Team** to apply for a place at a local school:
Telephone: 0331 301 42903

To find out more about a local school:

- look at the school's website
- ask to visit the school
- talk to local parents



Most children start school in the September following their 4th birthday.

All children **must** be in full-time education from the term **after** their 5th birthday.

The first class your child will join is called the 'Reception Class'.

Every year in September your child will move to the next year group with children of the same age.

At what age do children start going to school in England?





- A new school year begins in September and runs to July. For example from September 2021 to July 2022.
- The school day begins at about 8.45 am and ends at about 3.15 pm.
- Children are expected to be on time every day and to remain in school for the whole day.

What is school like?

Each class has 1 teacher and about 30 children.

Most classes have a Teaching Assistant who helps the children with their learning.

Children are taught a range of subjects.

All children are welcomed and treated fairly.

Most children are given homework tasks linked to their lessons.

All children are expected to read at home on most days.



Key Stage 1
classroom

Key Stage 2
classroom



What will my child need?

School will tell you what you need.
School may help you to buy what is needed.
Your child may need:

1



A school uniform, including a PE kit and a swimming kit

2



A bookbag for reading books, homework and letters from school

3



A PE bag for the PE kit



What will my child eat for lunch?

- Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get Free School Meals (FSM)
- Other children may get FSM (ask at school)
- Specific dietary requirements can be met, e.g. halal meals



Children may bring a packed lunch from home



Children may go home for lunch. Ask at school

What do children study in school?

Children study the **core subjects** - Maths and English each day

They also study a range of other subjects



In Reception class children aged 4 - 5 years study:



- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal social & emotional development
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

In year 1 and year 2 children aged 5 – 7 years study:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science, design and technology
- History
- Geography
- Art & Design
- Music
- Physical education (including swimming)
- Computing



In Key Stage 2, children aged 7 - 11 years study:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science, design and technology
- History
- Geography
- Art & Design



- Physical education (including swimming)
- Music
- Computing
- Ancient and modern foreign languages

Will my child get extra help if they need it?

Staff at school will help children:

- Who are worried or anxious
- Need support for their learning or who are disabled
- Need support because they are finding learning English hard

School may ask an outside agency for advice on how best to support a child.

Every school has a **Designated Safeguarding Lead** to help with serious concerns about wellbeing.



How can I find out about what is happening in school?



- School website
- Text messages, social media, twitter, parent apps
- Emails and letters
- Formal and informal meetings
- Parents evenings
- School reports
- Information evenings
- 1:1 conversations via email or telephone
- Talking to other parents

How will school communicate with me?

- Tell the school how you want them to contact you
- Is it best by text, email, telephone call, parent app or another way?
- Tell the school if you need an interpreter

