

Key Information

Year 4 to 5 Transition Students September 2022

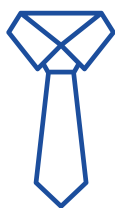


Communication

We ask that all parents and carers download the My Child at School app so that you can receive information and messages from the school, book after school club sessions and make payments for things such as school dinners and trips. You can view information such as your child's timetable and book events via the app. You can download My Child at School before school starts by visiting:

- mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin
- if you have any issues, please contact [insert ICT email]

You can stay up to date with school news by following the school Facebook and Twitter pages and reading the school blog and new termly magazine. Your child's School Planner is also an important communication tool that they should bring to school with them each day. Parents/carers should check the planners daily and sign them weekly.



Uniform

We would like to thank all parents and carers for your support in maintaining consistent uniform standards. You will find full details of the James Calvert Spence College school uniform and PE kit on our website, where you can also download our uniform guide and find details of uniform suppliers and sources for pre-loved uniform items.



Equipment

As a minimum requirement, we expect all our Year 5 students to attend school with the following: black or blue pen, green pen, pencil, eraser, sharpener, ruler and glue stick. They also need to bring both their School Planner and a reading book to school each day. It would also be useful for children to bring a set of colouring pencils. Each child is given their own School Planner at the start of the year and they will also be provided with essential textbooks and exercise books. Reading books can be brought from home or borrowed from the school library. Students will need a school bag suitable for carrying equipment to and from school.



Data Forms and Permissions

It is important that you complete the student data collection form that will be sent to you by email during the summer holidays. Please return the completed form as soon as possible as the information collected helps us to prepare for your child's start at James Calvert Spence College. If you have any queries about the digital form, please contact enquiries@jcsc.co.uk. Once complete, should you wish to make changes to permissions granted for things such as in-school photography or trips, you can do so by updating this section within the My Child at School app. We ask that you review and renew permissions granted at the start of each school year.



FREE Breakfast Club

Our free breakfast club at South Avenue is sponsored by Greggs and is open to all students each school day. Toast, a choice of cereals and juice are provided free of charge. The club starts at 8.00 am and runs until the start of school. There is no need to book.



After School Club

The JCSC After School Club costs £6 per child, per session and runs every day from 3:10 pm until 5:30 pm prompt. Children enjoy a light meal such as pasta or a toastie and fresh fruit and juice is available. It's a place where your child can enjoy fun activities with their friends, including arts, crafts, games and outdoor play or they can use a quiet space to read a book or do their homework. You can book single sessions or make a regular booking for After School Club using the My Child at School app. Find out more about the club and funding options in our After School Club guide, which is available to download on the school website.



Transport

Many of our students live close by and so choose to walk to school. These students should remember to practise good road safety and to follow the Green Cross Code. There is a cycle rack where children can store bikes or scooters. If students need to arrive by car, we ask that drivers do not park close to the school, which is on a narrow residential street. We also ask that cars do not enter the car park at Acklington Road for safety reasons. South Avenue students who arrive by bus, walk to and from the other school site with staff members. Students going into Year 5 who need school transport should apply for a bus pass by visiting the Northumberland County Council website:

- form.northumberland.gov.uk/form/auto/pre_16_student_travel



School Lunches

PAYING FOR SCHOOL MEALS

Students use our cashless catering system to purchase items in the school canteen, which is open at break times and lunch times.

ADDING MONEY TO STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Money can be added to a student's catering account digitally via the My Child at School App. Students can also hand money in to the school office.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child receives free school meals (FSM) a credit will be added to their catering account each day, this is removed if not used. Students can purchase extras above the allowance for a school meal by adding money to their account.

If you are unsure whether you are eligible for FSM, we would encourage you to check by visiting the Northumberland County Council website. Registering a student's entitlement to a FSM can help the school to unlock extra funding whether they decide to eat a FSM or bring a packed lunch.



Reading

Confident reading unlocks learning across all subjects. Year 5 students should read for pleasure both in and out of school, they will also be read aloud to during Tutor Curriculum Time. All students have access to the school library, which is well-stocked with all kinds of books, which students can borrow and take home to read. Along with reading texts in lessons, staff share reading recommendations with students and parents. You can find reading recommendations and information about our reading focus and support for reading at JCSC by visiting the school website:

- jcsc.co.uk/we-are-reading-jcsc/



Homework and School Planners

Each week, students are expected to learn spellings, spend time reading for pleasure and dedicate time to Reading Plus and Timetable Rockstars. Your child will also have a menu of homework tasks to choose from each half term. The menu allows your child to extend and be creative in their learning. The homework menu also gives children the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the stimulus text they are exploring. Parents and students can monitor school homework assignments via Google Classroom. Students should use the dedicated page in their planners for their Google Classroom codes.



Extracurricular Activities

An evolving selection of lunch time and after school sports and other activities are open to Year 5 students, some clubs run year round while others are offered on a termly basis. Parents and students can find out about extracurricular clubs and arrangements on the school website. We also regularly share information about extracurricular activities on the school's social media channels, on the blog and in the school magazine. In order to take part in after school activities you may be asked to grant appropriate permissions or register as a club user within the My Child at School app.



The School Day

Students should arrive at school no later than 8.45 am. The school day begins with Tutor Curriculum Time, which includes morning registration, news updates from tutors and personal reading time or assembly.

Tutor Curricular Time	8.50 - 9.15 am
Lesson One	9.15 - 10.15 am
Lesson Two	10.15 - 11.15 am
Break Time	11.15 - 11.35 am
Lesson Three	11.35 am - 12.35 pm
Lunch	12.35 - 1.10 pm
Lesson Four	1.10 - 2.10 pm
Lesson Five	2.10 - 3.10 pm



Got a question for us?

if you have a specific question about school life at JCSC and cannot find an answer on our website, please do get in touch. You can contact bbiggs01@jcsc.co.uk and Becki will direct your enquiry to the most appropriate person.