

ANCHORSHOLME ACADEMY



WELCOME TO ANCHORSHOLME ACADEMY
Part of The Sea View Trust





Mr Dow
Headteacher



Mr Hurley
Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Mr Hurley and I would like to welcome you to Anchorsholme Academy. If you are new to our school and making that important decision about the right school for your child to attend, then we hope information contained in this booklet will help you to learn a little more about the life and work of Anchorsholme Academy.

As educators, we believe that all children, regardless of their ability, gender, race or creed should be given every opportunity to learn, grow and develop in a safe, caring and happy environment. This has been recognised by Ofsted when they noted we had 'created a calm, caring, family feeling in a large, busy primary school'. Our school motto, 'Together We Achieve', in conjunction with our mission statement and aims, acts as a focus for all our work in school. Our commitment is for all children to recognise their talents and abilities and strive to achieve their full potential in all that they do.

In our most recent Ofsted Inspection we were once again judged as a 'Good School': 'Anchorsholme is a school that prepares children well for life in modern Britain'. For us, this was an important recognition of how we are constantly striving to further improve our provision and the educational opportunities on offer to our pupils, in both an academic and wider social context. We aim to provide a wide range of high quality learning opportunities for all our pupils and to help them grow into independent and responsible young people.

There will be many opportunities for you to share in your child's formal education; the school staff, teaching and non-teaching, are always keen to discuss any aspect of your child's development with you. Though you are entrusting your children into our care, we appreciate that as parents you have a great deal to contribute and we value you and your support tremendously. We firmly believe that we can only achieve the best for your child by working closely in partnership with you, the parents.

Please take time to read this booklet carefully. If at all possible, Mr Hurley and I would personally like to introduce ourselves to you and talk with you about Anchorsholme Academy and the aspirations you have for your children before they begin their school careers.

We hope that as you have chosen to send your child to Anchorsholme, you will share with us in making this a happy and successful period in your child's life.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G R Dow

Mr A Hurley

Who are we?

Anchorsholme Academy is a mixed school catering for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years. The admission number is 90.

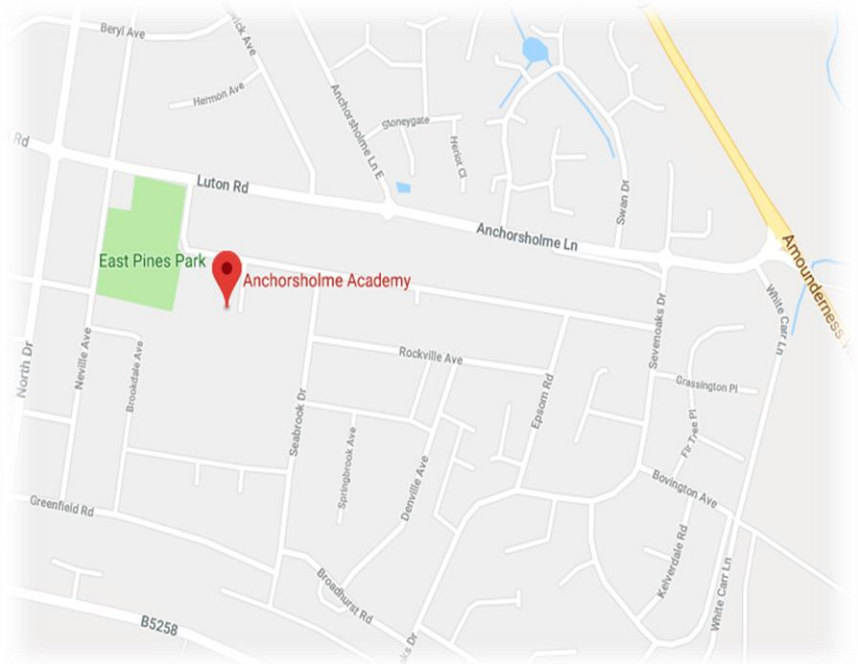
Anchorsholme Academy is part of The Sea View Trust. The Trust incorporates 4 local schools; Anchorsholme Academy, Devonshire Primary Academy, Revoo Learning Academy and Park Community Academy, as well as 2 schools in Rossendale; Tor View Academy and Valley College.

Where are we?

Anchorsholme Academy is located on Eastpines Drive, which is in a quiet residential area of Thornton Cleveleys.

We have a park and a library in close proximity to the school. We also have very good community links with our local churches.

The grounds and school are well equipped. Alongside our classrooms, we also have 2 halls, a Confucius classroom, a transformed Blackpool Transport tram, ICT suite, music studio, library and various other resource and learning areas including a dedicated Confucius classroom where we teach Mandarin Chinese. In the grounds of the school we have a number of play areas, a large field, a multi-use games area, a Mile a Day running track and a pond and wildlife area. We are also very fortunate to have 2 minibuses which we use to support our school visits and swimming lessons.



Contact Details

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Deputy Headteacher: Mr A Hurley
Chair of Governors: Mr I Clare
DSL/SEND/CO: Mrs T Foster
Office Manager: Miss E Jowett



Our Mission Statement

Anchorsholme Academy is a community in which everyone matters and is accorded equality of opportunity.

Our School Motto

Together we achieve!



The Aims and Objectives of Anchorsholme Academy

Everyone in the school is encouraged to develop to their full academic and creative potential and to think, question, discuss and evaluate.

The school promotes personal and social development. Everyone is encouraged to join in a wide variety of experiences in addition to those associated with the classroom. The pursuit of ideals and qualities such as enthusiasm is encouraged.

Co-operation and care for others is fostered. Everyone is encouraged to explore their responsibilities at home, at school and in the local and global environment.

The school is staffed and resourced with this in mind and the curriculum is planned to offer the widest possible range of opportunities. Constructive parental involvement in the life of the school is encouraged and all parents are welcome to contact and to visit the school.

Ofsted Inspection

Inspection Date: 5th-6th November 2019

Extracts from report:

'This school continues to be good.'

'Anchorsholme helps the children prepare well for life in modern Britain'.



Pupils are happy and safe in Anchorsholme Primary Academy. They find their work interesting. Teachers have high expectations. Pupils say that they enjoy the wide range of after-school clubs and activities. They also like going on trips and visits, for example to the beach to see how it has changed over time. Such trips also help them to remember more about things they have learned.

Pupils enjoy competing in music and dance festivals, art competitions and sporting events. Pupils are curious. They ask lots of questions. Pupils like to find the answers for themselves through experiments and research.

All pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) do well in Anchorsholme Primary Academy. This is seen in the outcomes from national tests at the end of key stage 2. Pupils' good attitudes to learning and sensible behaviour play a key role in their success.

Anchorsholme is not a school that stands still.



Admission Arrangements

The school's admission arrangements are as described by Blackpool Education Committee for all community Academies. The school caters for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years and the admission number is 90. Arrangements for admission to the school should be made either directly to the school or through Blackpool Council's Admissions Team.

Child Protection

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs T Foster and our Deputy DSL is Mrs J Carter.

Because of day-to-day contact with children, schools are particularly well placed to observe outward signs of abuse, changes in behaviour or failure to develop. Parents should be aware, therefore, that where it appears to a member of the school staff that a child may have been abused, the school is required as part of the Local Child Protection Procedures, to report their concern to the Social Service Department immediately.

Social and Pastoral Care

At the beginning of a pupil's career in school, parents are asked to supply details of where they can be contacted during the day in case of accident or illness. If an emergency should arise the school will make every effort to contact the parents, or their nominated representative, and inform them of the problem. Please ensure that you inform the school immediately of any change in your contact details.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell, or you suspect that they may become unwell during the school day. There are no full-time professional medical assistants in school and staff do not normally issue medication to pupils.



The School Day

School Starts	08.50am
Lunch	11.45am-12.45pm or 12.15pm-13.15pm
School Ends	15.15pm (15.10pm for Reception pupils)

Children arriving after 09.00am are recorded as late.

It is essential for parents to inform the office if their child is unable to attend school for any reason; this can be done via Parentapps or by telephone. If we do not hear from you by 09:30am a member of staff will ring to remind you that we have received no reason for your child's absence. In the case of a pupil who is absent from school for more than three consecutive days without notice, the Educational Welfare Officer will be informed and, if necessary, a visit to the child's home will be arranged.



Our attendance figures have exceeded the national average for the last five years and have also exceeded targets set by the local authority. We appreciate parental support in ensuring that we maintain this in the years to come.

Dinner Money



Pupils may bring either a packed lunch or purchase a cooked meal prepared in the school kitchen. Cooked meals can be ordered in advance on 'ParentPay'. In addition, milk is available daily for all pupils. Children under five years of age will be offered semi-skimmed milk and children over five years of age will be offered fluoridated milk (please note, parents can opt-out of fluoridated milk and choose semi-skimmed instead).

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Infant Free School Meal. We encourage all parents, from Reception – Year 6, who believe they may qualify for benefit/income-based free school meals to complete the application in the admission form, or apply online at:
<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>.

Dinner money is payable in advance via ParentPay, a secure, online payment system which is in use in most Blackpool schools. Parents will be sent an activation letter as their child starts school and are asked to activate their account as soon as possible, even if their child is entitled to a Free School Meal or Universal Infant Free School Meal.

School Uniform

- Grey Skirt/Pinafore Dress or Grey Trousers
- White Shirt
- Blue and Gold School Tie
- Navy Blue School Sweatshirt/Cardigan
- Black Plain School Shoes (without colour or logos and not heeled shoes or boots)
- White Plain Socks/Grey Plain Tights with Skirts/Pinafore Dress or Grey Plain Socks with Trousers/Shorts
- Optional Summer Uniform: Blue & White Checked Dress – Girls, Sky Blue Short-Sleeved Polo Shirt and Grey Shorts - Boys



PE Kit

- Pump Bag
- Black PE Pumps/Plimsolls
- School Logo or Plain T-Shirt (in your child's 'House' colour)
- Dark Blue PE Shorts

Swimming for Year 5

- Waterproof Bag
- Swimming Costume (one-piece) / Trunks (or shorts above knee-length that are not 'baggy')
- Swimming Hat (for children with long hair)
- Towel

Any item containing a school logo is available to purchase from Bispham Clothing, - 7 All Hallows Road, Bispham, FY2 0AS, 01253 276047.

We do not permit:

- Jewellery, other than a single pair of small silver/gold stud earrings (that must be removed or covered for PE and swimming) and a watch (no smart watches)
- False nails
- Temporary tattoos
- Hair that is dyed an unnatural colour
- Hair that is styled/cut/shaved in an unnatural style
- Extremes of fashion such as garish bows

In common with all other schools in the country, the Headteacher reserves the right to make the final decision regarding matters of this nature.

Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on all their belongings.

Sporting House Names and Colours

Rowling = **BLUE**

Blyton = **YELLOW**

Shakespeare = **GREEN**

Dahl = **RED**

5 School Rules

1. When I am asked to do something by an adult in school, I will listen and do it the first time.
2. I will always WALK around school.
3. I will be kind, polite and thoughtful towards everyone.
4. I will treat all equipment and belongings with care and respect.
5. I will always try my best and take pride in what I do.

Communicating with Parents

To communicate effectively and efficiently with parents, we use a mobile app called Parentapps Connect and this allows us to securely & privately communicate with parents. The app also allows parents and family members to access a wide range of content including Term Dates, Dates for the Diary, our weekly newsletter 'Anchornews' and our Class Pages. On the app you will be able to submit forms and reply slips, book your Parents Evening time slot and access ParentPay to pay for school dinners etc. The app also allows parents to update their contact details and report pupil absences. The app puts information directly at your fingertips. You will receive an email invitation to access the app once your child has started school – further support can be requested by contacting the school office.



A weekly newsletter is published each Friday and sent to parents via ParentApp and the school website. Parents are encouraged to read the newsletter to ensure you are well informed of what is happening in school.

Organisation of the School

Anchorsholme Academy caters for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years and we can accommodate a maximum of 630 pupils on roll. The teaching areas have been so arranged that the infant and junior departments are integrated yet are still able to maintain their own special identity within a modern Academy. The children have many opportunities to mix together, both in the play areas, at lunchtime and in assemblies.

Facilities within the school are excellent, with each of the 21 classrooms having its own interactive smartboard, practical area, sink and storage space. Toilet and cloakroom facilities are provided for year group base.

Organisation of Teaching

As well as a Senior Leadership Team and a Teaching staff, we also employ Teaching Assistants Level 1/2/3, a Learning Mentor, a SENDCo and a Deputy SENDCo to support teaching and learning.

The school works closely with the University of Cumbria in Lancaster, from where students are assigned each year as part of their initial teacher training. Anchorsholme is strategically involved in delivering a School Direct training programme in conjunction with the Blackpool Teaching School.

Anchorsholme Academy has achieved Confucius Classroom status via the University of Lancaster and this allows us to link with Lancaster University and their teaching resources by placing teachers and language assistants in Anchorsholme Academy for the teaching of Mandarin Chinese as our chosen foreign language. This enables us to provide an exciting opportunity to all classes across the school.

We are rightly proud of the range of activities we offer the children at Anchorsholme, both during the school day and before and after school in the form of extra-curricular clubs, activities and events.

In Foundation Stage the children follow a very “hands-on”, play-related curriculum which gives them the skills they need to access the curriculum higher up the school.



All children from Year 1 to Year 6 are taught the subjects of the National Curriculum (English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Computing, Art, Design Technology, Music and Physical Education) as well as Religious Education, Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE), Citizenship, Sex Education and Mandarin as a Modern Foreign Language. Children in Year 5 also attend swimming lessons at Moor Park Swimming Baths.

The National Curriculum Programmes of Study and Level Descriptions provide the criteria for the majority of assessments at Anchorsholme Academy. The prime function of assessment is to give both the child and the teacher a clear picture of what has been learned, what learning strategies have been acquired and what concepts have been understood so that both may see what steps need to be taken in the future. Teachers observe, evaluate, and assess constantly in a wide variety of ways - from day to day contact with the children, observing what they do, what they produce and what they say, to the formalised tests used at each key point in a child's school life. Assessment provides summative information for teachers, other professionals and parents and it contributes towards the pupil's individual attainment profile. A system of baseline assessment also operates in school. Children are tested on entry to school in the reception year group and then reassessed annually in order to allow staff to monitor progression.

All parents are given the opportunity to formally discuss their child's progress with their class teacher at bi-annual Parents Evenings. Written reports on progress and attainment are issued for each of these evenings and a more detailed summative report is provided at the end of the summer term. Reporting to parents is intended to give a clear and helpful picture of their child's progress. The EYFS use 'Tapestry' to allow parents to view comments and photos of their children learning. Years 1-6 use 'Class Dojo' to keep in touch with parents and to allow them to view photos of their children learning. For children with SEND, termly review meetings are also held and parents are invited to attend.

SEND

Our SENDCo is Mrs T Foster and our Deputy SENDCo is Mrs J Carter.

The Governors support the notion that, wherever possible, all pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities should be educated in mainstream school, provided that the following criteria apply:

- a). Account must be taken of the views of parents of the child.
- b). Educational needs can be met in the school.
- c). Placement must be consistent with the education of other pupils in the school.

All facilities at Anchorsholme Academy are situated at ground floor level and the school has a number of disabled toilets and an accessible washroom.

Religious Education

Religious Education is taught weekly and reflects a broadly Christian tradition. The school is not affiliated to any particular religious denomination.

The RE syllabus and scheme of work at Anchorsholme Academy aims to present RE as a living experience and to encourage pupils to explore religious beliefs, values and practices of people and communities of religious faith. Our aim is to support the children in affirming and developing their own beliefs, values and attitudes through an exploration of shared human experiences and of the place and significance of religion in the contemporary world.

Daily assemblies and collective acts of worship are held in school; parents wishing to withdraw their children from RE lessons or assemblies should notify the Headteacher in writing.

Computing

There are at least two networked computers and a large touch-screen television in each classroom. We also have three sets of class iPads to support classroom learning and a dedicated ICT suite to enable full class lessons to take place.



Sex Education

Sex education at Anchorsholme Academy falls within the framework of the school's curriculum and is in accordance with the requirements of section 241 of the Education Act 1993. The general policy of the school is that the content and organisation of any programme of sex education will be incorporated into the teaching of Personal and Social Education and Science, and that parents will be informed of any specific projects of sex education. Parents wishing to withdraw their children from sex education should notify the Headteacher in writing.

Sport and Games

Anchorsholme Academy places great importance upon a healthy lifestyle and promotes physical fitness for all children. Each class has two lessons of PE a week and Year 5 pupils also attend swimming tuition once a week at Moor Park swimming baths.

Our pupils participate in the 'Mile a Day' initiative on our purpose built running track.



Blackpool Football Club Community Trust visit the school to offer their 'Fit 2 Go' sports programme to the children.

Competitive team games are encouraged and the school supports teams of boys and girls in the Blackpool Schools League in football, netball, rounders, cross-country, swimming, cricket, hockey and athletics. In recent years our children have made the finals in both girls and boys football and rugby events. They have also won regional championships in athletics, swimming and rugby.

Extra-Curricular Activities

As a school we are committed to providing the widest possible opportunities for our children. A wide range of extra-curricular activities are available to the pupils. These may include Football, Rounders, Netball, Badminton, Cricket, Drama, Art Club, Board Games Club, Coding Club, Cross-Country/Running Club, Curling Club, Athletics, Choir, Computers and Mandarin. All of these clubs are provided free of charge by staff and other volunteers.

Fully qualified peripatetic music teachers visit the school each week to teach percussion, guitar and woodwind skills to small groups of children. A charge is made for these lessons and is payable in advance via ParentPay.

There are a number of outside organisations who offer Taekwondo and Dance lessons before and after school. These lessons are chargeable and organised directly with the group involved; contact details are available via the main office. A number of community organisations use our facilities during the week including Air Training Corps, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and Scouts and Cubs.

Trips and Visits

Throughout the course of each academic year, class teachers arrange a number of educational visits and we encourage all our pupils to participate. Whilst the majority of these excursions are funded directly by the school or subsidised by our PTFA (Amigos) a number of outings do rely on voluntary donations from parents to make them viable. At present we request an annual voluntary fee of £15.00 from parents towards the cost of all school visits, which include at least one visit to Blackpool Zoo and



Blackpool Tower, as well as a number of other curriculum based visits e.g. Imperial War Museum, Sealife Centre, Brock Bottom, Manchester Museum, Pantomime etc.

Pupils attending residential school holidays, outside the normal school day, may be charged for their accommodation.

Financial support for parents entitled to benefit/income-based free school meals may be offered for trips/visits and residentials – please speak to the school office.

Breakfast and After School Club

Do you start work early, finish late or simply need a little extra time to your day? Why not take advantage of our on-site Breakfast and After School Clubs for children in Years 3-6, where your children can play in safety and enjoy a healthy snack!

Breakfast (7.30am – 8.50am), £3.50 per session, breakfast-club@anchorsholme.blackpool.sch.uk
After School (3.10pm – 5.30/6.00pm), £6.50/£7.50 per session, asc@anchorsholme.blackpool.sch.uk

Places must be booked and paid for in advance via ParentPay. Enrollment forms can be obtained from the school office.

For children in Reception – Year 2, 'The Learning Lodge Anchorsholme' provide a Breakfast and After School Club. The Learning Lodge is located next to the school, next to East Pines Park. To request further details, please contact The Learning Lodge office on 01253 829295.



Parental Involvement

Anchorsholme Academy is keen to encourage as many parents as possible to become directly involved in the life of the school and in their child's education. A system of classroom support is in operation and any parent wishing to help out in school during the school day is very welcome to do so. Parents are not permitted to volunteer in their child's class. For further information, please contact the school office (DBS clearance is required for all volunteers working in school and volunteers will be asked to read and sign a number of important policies).

Supporting Reading

It is vitally important to try and find time to read regularly with your child – this can involve other family members too. Looking at books together shows children that reading can be an enjoyable activity. Look at the illustrations of the books together and talk about them; move your finger along the print; discuss what is happening in the story and talk about what may happen next. All of this support helps to develop children's imagination and vocabulary.



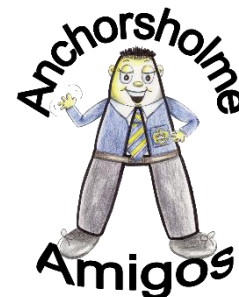
What children need to learn:	How you can help:
The words need to be read to understand the book and not just use the pictures.	Show the children how you are reading the words by pointing with your finger as you read each word. Look at the pictures to help decode any more difficult words.

"TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE"

We read the text from left to right.	Explain where you start reading and as you read your finger will indicate the direction of the text.
Vocabulary – word, sentence, letter, page, line, turn over, picture.	Use the key words as you look at books so that your child becomes familiar with them.
Words don't change.	Read favourite stories and rhymes many times, encouraging your child to join in.
Reading is fun!	Read as much and as often as you can. Praise whenever possible for the attempts your child makes towards reading.

AMIGOS (PTFA)

Anchorsholme Academy has an active Parent, Teachers and Friends Association; the Amigos. The Amigos enables staff and parents to meet informally in a social capacity and they are responsible for organising many school events and fundraising. A number of our school trips and visits are subsidised to parents through donations from the Amigos fundraising. We would encourage you to give this group your full support.



Road Safety

Road safety is taught by the teaching staff, Blackpool Council Road Safety Officers and Police Officers.



The Blackpool Council Roadwise Cycling Scheme is operated in the school. All Year 5 pupils owning a bicycle are given the opportunity to receive road safety cycling lessons during school time with Blackpool Council Bikeability Instructors. Only those pupils having gained a Roadwise Cycling Certificate are allowed to come to school on their bicycle.

Considerate Parking

We politely request that parents consider our children and neighbours when parking at the beginning and end of the school day. Please be aware that parking

on the zig-zag lines and double yellow lines is illegal at the beginning and end of the school day and parking tickets may be issued.

Countering Racism

All pupils, staff, and parents associated with our school are expected to show respect for all people of all races, creeds and cultures. The school will not tolerate racist actions which are clearly hurtful to others and which contravene The Duty to Promote Race Equality. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against any person who participates in racist actions. Any person witnessing a racist incident, whether directed to them personally or towards others, should report the matter immediately to the Headteacher or to the Chair of Governors.



Children with English as an Additional Language

It is the policy of the school to ensure that pupils who are learning English as a second language are given every opportunity to work constructively with fluent English speakers and to receive any necessary available help.

Children with Medical Needs

Most pupils will at some time have a medical condition that may affect their participation in school activities. For many this will be short term, however we understand some children will have medical conditions that, if not properly managed, could limit their access to education. Such pupils are regarded as having special medical needs.

Short Term Medical Needs

Many children will experience short term medical needs during their time in school and may need to take/be given medication for a short period only, e.g. to finish a course of antibiotics or apply a lotion. Parents should, where possible, ask the prescribing doctor or dentist to prescribe in dose frequencies which enable the medication to be taken outside normal school hours (e.g. 3 times a day). If this is not possible, we will ask parents to come into school and administer the medication themselves to their child.

Non Prescription Medication

It is the policy of the school not to administer non-prescription medication to pupils. Staff may not know whether the pupil has taken a previous dose, or whether the medication may react with other medication being taken. If a child, old enough to administer their own medication, suffers regularly from acute pain such as migraine, parents should contact the school to speak to the Medical Coordinator. A school medical form will be issued for parents to complete and a member of staff will supervise the pupil taking the medication. Parents will be notified by the school on the day that medication is taken by the child.

Long Term Medical Needs

It is extremely important that the school is informed about the medical condition of any pupil with long term medical needs. All parents are asked to describe their child's medical needs when registering them for school. If long term needs are identified, parents will be asked to complete an agreement form and, in turn, the school will complete a similar form of agreement. These forms will be reviewed regularly, but at least once a year, and will be updated as and when needs change or when a child attending school develops a condition. In partnership with parents, the school will then draw up an Individual Care Plan for those pupils with special medical needs and for those who attend regular hospital appointments.

Requests From School







A few requests from the school to ensure that things run smoothly from the very first day of your child's time Anchorsholme Academy.



Birth Certificate – It is a legal requirement that we have a copy of your child's full birth certificate before they can be admitted to Anchorsholme Academy. If you have misplaced your child's birth certificate, it is your responsibility to purchase a



copy at <https://www.gov.uk/order-copy-birth-death-marriage-certificate>.

-  **Change to Collection** – As far as is possible, please inform the school office by 2.30pm if a person other than yourself, or one of your emergency contacts, will be collecting your child from school. We encourage parents to have finalised their end of day collection details and informed their children before school each day, as changes to the routine can be upsetting for some children.
-  **Emergencies** – Be sure that the school has the correct information, especially telephone numbers, so that we can contact you in case of emergency. It is a legal requirement to provide at least two contact numbers.
-  **First Aid** - School makes every effort to prevent accidents but, when they do occur, first aid is administered by the staff and, in the case of a bump to the head, parents will be informed. In cases of a serious accident, every effort is made to contact the parent as soon as possible. If parents cannot be contacted then we will take whatever action is necessary to safeguard the child. Children taken ill at school cannot be sent home unaccompanied – they must always be collected and signed out by a responsible contact.
-  **Mobile Phones** – Only Year 6 pupils who travel to/from school alone can bring a mobile phone to school. These will be collected by the teacher at the beginning of the day, stored in the school safe throughout the day and handed back out by teachers at the end of the day. The school is not responsible or liable for any loss, theft or damage to mobile devices.
-  **Payments** – All payments to school (i.e. school dinners, music tuition, breakfast/ must be made via ParentPay, unless advised otherwise e.g. charity fundraising. A letter with activation details will be sent home once your child starts school with us.
-  **Parent/Teacher Meetings** – The school endeavours to arrange during its year a number of Parent/Teacher meetings and we should be grateful if you could attend these. However, if at any time you have a question or problem, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher or the member of staff involved, in the first instance.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Anchorsholme family!



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