



Skimming a school prospectus

Print out the **Portham Village School prospectus** then skim read it to answer the questions.



Portham Village School

2010/2011 Prospectus

ABSENCE

Illness

If your child is absent from school you should telephone the school office on the first day. When he/she returns to school, a written explanation about the nature of the illness must be provided so that school records can be kept up-to-date. All medical and dentist appointments should be made outside school hours unless unavoidable.

Holidays

The Board of Governors states that annual holiday should not be taken during term time although, at the discretion of the headteacher, pupils may take up to two weeks off school. If possible, this should be avoided as it is important that children do not miss out on their education (see page 9 regarding examinations).

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is not compulsory for children to wear school uniform although it is strongly encouraged so that the children feel part of the school community.

Boys

Boys should wear blue shirts (long or short sleeved) with grey trousers and the school jumper. They should wear the blue and grey striped school ties at all times.

Girls

Girls should wear grey pinafores with white blouses and the school jumper.

Footwear and accessories

All children should wear black school shoes. At no time must they wear trainers. Girls may wear studs which must be removed for PE.

The school operates a 'budget shop' once a term so that parents may purchase second-hand clothing.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

There is a wide range of clubs for all children, according to their age. Children in Reception may attend football, ballet and/or swimming. Children in Years 1 to 7 may also attend the following clubs: archery, short-tennis, French and homework. Participation in clubs is strongly encouraged.



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1. Is the prospectus aimed at children or parents? _____

2. Would you use the prospectus to:
 - a. find directions to the school? _____
 - b. find out what time the school opens? _____
 - c. find out about school uniform? _____
3. As well as illness, which issues does the 'Absence' section deal with? _____

4. Does the prospectus give details of the curriculum? _____

5. You can find out about school clubs from this prospectus. True or false? _____

6. The prospectus tells parents about the issues of bullying. True or false? _____

7. Does the prospectus give parents information about school examinations? _____

8. Does the prospectus tell parents how to purchase second-hand uniform? _____

9. Does the prospectus tell you about school lunches? _____

10. The prospectus gives you the telephone number to call if your child is ill. True or false? _____
