

Brinscall St John's CE and Methodist Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you about an important change regarding school bags in the upcoming academic year, 2025-2026. **From September**, we will be requesting that all children bring school book bags or similar rather than rucksacks to school. We wish to communicate this change to you at the earliest opportunity, allowing you ample time to prepare for it and to prevent any unnecessary purchases of rucksacks.

As many of you are aware, space in our cloakrooms is quite limited. By implementing the use of book bags, we aim to minimise clutter and ensure that the children's coats and belongings can be stored safely. This adjustment will help us maintain a tidy environment for all our classes. Furthermore, In today's climate of changing finances, we recognise the pressures many families face in purchasing rucksacks that reflect both trends and their children's desires. Financial unpredictability can create challenges for households striving to balance budgets while meeting these expectations. Our aim is to support families who find these costs burdensome, ensuring that no child feels excluded due to financial constraints.

PE kits should be kept in a separate drawstring PE bag, which is kept in school for the whole half term and then taken home to be washed during each holiday. Lunch boxes have a separate trolley which they are stored on daily and wheeled into the hall for easy access. Book bags should only contain reading book, library books, any letters and possibly a small snack for playtimes.

Book bags may be ordered from Gooddies; however, we will also have them available for purchase at our school office. Examples of the bags available are on the reverse of this letter. If you would like to order one in advance for September, kindly complete the enclosed form and return it along with a cash payment to our school office.

Alternatively, a plain blue book bag will also be acceptable for use. These can be conveniently purchased from various stores online or school shops.

Furthermore, if you have a sibling who is due to start school with us in September, please refrain from purchasing a book bag, as these will be provided free of charge to all children commencing in our Reception class.

Thank you for your understanding and support regarding this matter.

Kindest regards,

Mrs J Owen

Headteacher

Book bag purchase for September 2025

I would like to pre-order an expandable school book bag for my child @ £6.

Or

I would like to pre-order a heavy duty with strap book bag for my child @ £9. (Delete as appropriate)

(Child's name) _____ Year group _____.

I have enclosed my cash payment.

Signed _____ Date: _____



Expandable Book bag (It will have the school logo on)

These are recommended for children in reception, Y1 and Y2.



Heavy duty, over the shoulder Book bag (It will have the school logo on)

These are recommended for children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6.