

# A Guide to School in England and Wales

## Education Levels in English and Welsh Schools

### Early Years/Foundation Stage (EYFS):

Pre-school and Reception

#### Pre-school:

- Children start Reception after the age of 3.
- After turning 3, children are entitled to 15 free hours of childcare per week, some parents choose to pay for more.
- Some pre-schools also take 2-year-olds.

#### Reception:

- For children aged 4-5.
- Children start Reception the September after their 4th birthday.

### Primary School:

#### Infants:

Key stage 1 (KS1): refers to Years 1 and 2 for ages between 5-7 years

#### Juniors:

Key stage 2 (KS2): Refers to Years 3 to 6 for ages between 7-11years

### Secondary School:

- Aged between 11-16

Key stage 3 (KS3): refers to Years 7-9 for ages between 11-14

Key stage 4 (KS4): refers to Years 10-11 for ages between 11-16

GCSE: exam at end of Years 11

## School Terms:

Autumn term: from September to December.

- Half Term- usually around end of October, (one week) off.
- Christmas holiday (two weeks).

Spring term: from January to Easter Half Term.

- (One week) holiday in February.
- Easter holidays (two weeks) in March or April.

Summer Term: from April to July.

- Half term holiday (one week) it will be in the last week of May or in the first week of June.
- Summer holiday (six weeks) in July and August.

## The school day

- Classes begin at 9 o'clock in the morning, but students need to arrive at the school before that time to prepare themselves for study.
- There is a break time in the afternoon (lunch time) during this break the children have lunch at the school.
- School hours end at 3pm in the evening for (pre-school), and 3:15 for the rest of the children.

## Homework:

### **EYFS – Early Years Foundation Stage (pre-school and Reception):**

- Parents are usually expected to read regularly with their children (reading to them, then listening to them when they learn to read).
- The teacher may set a weekly fun homework linked to the topic they are studying- very informal. Reading is most important.
- Homework expectations can vary from school to school.

### **Key stage 1 (KS1): Years 1 and 2 :**

- Homework is normally very informal- reading is the most important.
- Children might also have a weekly challenge or worksheet (Maths or English).

- Also spelling homework normally starting in KS1. Children may have 5-10 spelling words per week.
- Some schools also subscribe to online learning platforms eg. Nessy, Purple Mash, Time Table Rockstars.

### Key stage 2 (KS2): Years 3-6 :

- Children may have English\Maths worksheet each week.
- Spelling for weekly tests.
- There may be a work project in each term linked to a specific topic chosen by the teacher.
- Plus online learning if desired.

### Clubs:

- Most schools offer extracurricular activities either at lunch time or after school. These activities are currently reduced due to Covid-19 restitution.
- For example, after school clubs could include football, tennis, basketball, netball etc. Or non-sports activities such as choir, art club or dance club etc.
- Some schools also offer after school clubs and breakfast clubs, which is free for children whose parents who are working or need their children to be looked after outside of school hours.

### Parents/Teacher Meetings:

- Normally, there would be a chance each term to meet in person with your child's teacher (parents evening) for a more formal chat about how your child is getting on.
- Depending on Covid-19 restrictions, these meetings may be moved online.
- If you have any concerns about your child and would like to speak to their teacher, you may be able to speak to them in the playground, or phone or email them to arrange an appointment.

### Non-Uniform School Days:

- Often, once a term, a school may have a non-uniform day to raise money for charity. Children can wear their own clothes.
- Usually also offering £1 donation.

- Parents will be informed about non-uniform days by a letter or an email.

### Physical Education (PE):

- Meaning teaching physical exercise and games especially in school.
- Children have separate clothes to wear for to their PE lesson.

### School lunch:

- Children can choose to have a hot cooked meal at school or bring in their own packed lunch.
- School dinners are free for all children up until the end of Year 2, but certain children can continue to receive free school meals as part of a government scheme.
- Children should bring their water bottles with them to school.

# Hagaha Dusiga/Iskuulka ee England iyo Wales

## Heerarka Waxbarashada ee Ingiriisiga iyo Dugsiyada/Iskuulada Welsh

### Sanadaha Hore/Marxadaha Aasaaska (EYFS):

Dugsiya hore iyo soo dhoweynta

#### Dugsiya hore:

- Carruurta waxay bilaawaan soo dhoweynta ka dib da'da 3.
- Ka dib markay 3 jirsadaan, carruurta waxaa xaq u leeyihiin 15 saacadood oo bilaash ah oo ah daryeelka carruurta, waalidiinta qaarkooda waxay doortaan inay bixiyaan wax intaa ka badan.
- Dugsiyada qaarkooda sidoo kale waxay qaataan 2-sano-jir.

#### Soo dhoweynta:

- Carruurta da'dooda tahay 4-5.
- Carruurta waxay bilaawaan Soo dhoweynta bisha Siteembar ka dib dhalashadooda 4aad.

### Dugsiya Hoose:

#### Dhalaanka:

Talaabada 1 muhiimka ah (KS1): waxaa loola jeedaa Sanadaha 1 iyo 2 da'da u dhaxeysa 5-7 sano

#### Yaryar:

Tallaabada 2 muhiimka ah (KS2): Waxaa loola jeedaa Sannadaha 3 ilaa 6 da'da u dhaxeysa 7-11sano

### Dugsiya Sare:

- Da'ada u dhaxeysa 11-16

Tallaabada 3 oo muhiimka ah (KS3): waxaa loola jeedaa Sannadaha 7-9 da'da u dhaxeysa 11-14

Tallaabada 4 oo muhiimka ah (KS4): waxaa loola jeedaa Sannadaha 10-11 da'da u dhaxeysa 11-16

GCSE: imtixaanka dhammaadka ee Sannadaha 11

## Shuruudaha Dugsiga:

Xilliga deyrta: laga soo bilaabo Sebteembar ilaa Diseembar.

- Muddada nuska ah- badanaa waxaa waaye dhammaadka ee Oktoobar, (hal usbuuc) oo fasax ah.
- Fasaxa Ciida masiixiga (labo usbuuc).

Xilliga gu'ga: laga soo bilaabo Janaayo ilaa Muddada Nuska ah ee Ciida masiixiga.

- (Hal usbuuc) fasaxa ee Febraayo.
- Fasaxyada Ciida masiixiga (labo usbuuc) ee Maarso ama Abriil.

Xilliga xagaaga: laga soo bilaabo Abriil ilaa Luulyo.

- Fasaxa xilliga nuska ah (hal usbuuc) waxay noqon doontaa usbuuca uga danbeeya ee Maajo ama usbuuca ugu horeeya ee Juun.
- Fasaxa xagaaga (lix usbuuc) ee Luulyo iyo Agoosto.

## Maalinta dugsiga/iskuulka

- Fasalada waxay bilaabanaya 9 sac ee subaxnimo, laakiin ardeyda waxaa looga baahan yahay inay imaadaan ee dugsiga/iskuulka woqtigaas ka hor si ay isku diyaariyaan nafsadooda ee waxbarashada.
- Waxaa jira woqti nasasho ah ee galabtii (woqtiga qadada) xilliga nasashadaan carruurta waxay qado ka cunayaan ee iskuulka/dugsiga.
- Saacadaha iskuulka/dugsiga wuxuu dhammaanayaa 3-da fiitnimo loogu talagalay (dugsiga-hore), iyo 3:15 ee carruurta intooda kale.

## Leyliga guriga:

### EYFS – Heerka Aasaaska Sannadaha Hore (dugsiga-hore iyo Soo dhoweynta):

- Waalidiinta badanaa waxaa laga rajeynayaa inay si joogto ah wax ugu akhriyaan carruurtooda (iyaga oo akhrineya, ka dibna dhageysanaya iyaga markay bartaan akhriska).

- Macallinka waxaa laga yaabaa inuu dejiyo leyliga guriga oo maddaalo ah oo toddobaadle ah oo la xariira mowduuca ay baranayaan-oo aad toos u ahayn. Akhriska waa midka ugu muhiimsan.
- Waxyaabaha laga rajeynaayo leyliga guriga way kala duwanaa karaan laga soo bilaabo dugsiga ilaa dugsiga kale.

### **Tallaabada 1 muhiimka ah (KS1): Sannadaha 1 iyo 2 :**

- Leyliga guriga waxa waaye caadiyan mid aad toos u ahayn- akhriska waa midka ugu muhiimsan.
- Carruurta sidoo kale waxay yeelan karaan tartan toddobaadle ah ama imtixaan warqad ah (Xisaabta ama Ingiriisiga).
- Sidoo kale hingaadda leyliga guriga sida caadiga waxay ka bilaabataa KS1. Carruurta waxaa laga yaabaa inay sameeyaan 5-10 eray oo hingaadda ah toddobaadkiiba.
- Dugsiyada qaarkooda ayaa iska diiwaangeliya aaladaha waxbarashada intarneedka tusaale ahaan. Nesy, Purple Mash, Time Table Rockstars.

### **Tallaabada 2 muhiimka ah (KS2): Sannadaha 3-6 :**

- Waxaa laga yaabaa carruurta inay sameeyaan Ingiriisiga\Xisaabta oo imtixaanka warqadda ah usbuuc kasta.
- Hingaadda loogu talagalay imtixaanada toddobaadlaha ah.
- Waxaa jiri kara mashruuc shaqo ah xilli walba oo lala xariirinaayo mawduuc gaar ah oo uu macallinka doortay.
- Ku dar waxbarashada khadka tooska ah haddii la rabo.

### **Naadiyada:**

- Dugsiyada badankooda waxay bixiyaan hawlo manhajka ka baxsan ee waqtiga qadada ama dugsiga ka dib. Hawlahaani ayaa hadda la yareeyay sababtoo ah soo lalaabashada Covid-19.
- Tusaale ahaan, ka dib markii naadiyada dugsiga ka mid noqon karaan kubbadda cagta, teniska, kubbadda kolayga, iwm. Ama hawlaha aan ahayn ciyaaraha sida kooxda heesta, naadiga farshaxanka ama naadiga qoob ka ciyaarka iwm.
- Dugsiyada qaarkooda sidoo kale waxay bixiyaan naadiyada dugsiga ka dib iyo naadiyada quraacda, taas oo u ah bilaash carruurta oo waaldiintooda shaqeeya ama u baahan carruurtooda in loo daryeelo saacadaha dugsiga ee ka baxsan.

### Waalidiinta/Kulamada Macallinka:

- Sida caadiga ah waxaa jiri kara fursad xilli walba si aad ula kulanto shaqsi ahaan macallinka cunuggaaga (fiidka waalidiinta) si aad ugala sheekeysato rasmi ahaan oo ku saabsan sida cunuggaaga u sii socdo.
- Waxay ku xiran tahay xayiraadaha Covid-19, kulamadaan waxaa laga yaabaa in lagu wareejiyo onlaynka.
- Haddii aad wax walaacyo ah ka qabtid oo ku saabsan cunuggaaga oo aad jeclaan lahayd inaad la hadasho macaliinkooda, waxaa laga yaabaa inaad awood u yeelato inaad kula hadasho goobta ciyaarta, ama taleefoonka ama iimayl u soo dir si aad ballan u hagaajisato.

### Maalmaha Dugsiga aan loo soo qaadaneynin labiska:

- Badanaa, xilligiiba hal mar dugsiga waxaa laga yaabaa in la soo qaadanin labiska maalin si lacag u aruuriyaan oo samafal ah. Carruurta waxay soo xiran karaan dharkooda.
- Sidoo kale badanaa waxay bixiyaan tabaruc ahaan £1.
- Waaliddinta waa loo soo sheegi doonaa maalmaha aan labiska iskuulka aan la soo qaadaneynin warqad ama iimayl ahaan.

### Waxbarashada Jirka (PE):

- Micnaheeda waxa waaye baritaanka jimicsiga jirka iyo ciyaaraha gaar ahaan dugsiga.
- Carruurta waxay leeyihiin dhar gooni ah oo ay u soo xiranayaan casharkooda PE.

### Qadada dugsiga:

- Carruurta waxay dooran karaan inay cunaan cunto kulul ee dugsiga lagu kariyo ama waxay keensan karaan qadadooda iyaga gaarka ah.
- Cashada dugsiga ayaa waxay u tahay bilaash dhammaan carruurta ilaa dhammaadka sannadka 2, laakiin carruurta qaarkooda way sii wadi karaan si ay u helaan cuntooyin bilaashka ah oo qay ka ah nidaamka ee dowladda.
- Carruurta waa inay u soo qaataan dugsiga dhalooyinkooda biyaha iyaga.