Sissinghurst VA Church of England Primary School

Let your light shine

Courage, Forgiveness, Service, Kindness

Welcome to join us for your Opal Lunchtime Experience!
We hope you enjoy your hour with us (you are free to leave earlier if you need to, just remember to sign out). Younger siblings are of course very welcome to join us too as are grandparents, family members – the more the merrier!

What to do
Once signed in, please go through the school to the playground / field / ballcourt and join in the fun, ideally trying to see all areas and of course you may want to see where your children are playing too. Hopefully you can meet up with your child so they are your tour guide for play.

Hall / eating lunch - You are welcome to pop into the hall if you wish to see lunchtime in there too. Lions, Giraffes and Elephants are in the hall first, then junior classes, one at a time are called in to eat during the lunch break. On a Friday in the summer we all eat outside if good weather. If you wish to eat with your child, you are very welcome to book a school lunch via The School Shop on Arbor or bring in a packed lunch. Please notify the office if you are booking a school lunch the day before so that we can ensure the kitchen staff know your lunch choice.

Safeguarding - Please do not go into the children's toilets and do not use mobile devices on site for safeguarding reasons. You are welcome to take photos of your own children playing (as you would if visiting for worship / class assemblies) of course but please ensure this is discrete so as not to disturb the flow of playing (ie children more interested in your phone than the play!)

Rules – Our school rules are Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe. Our only additional rule at lunchtime is to keep off the grass / mud without wellies if a wet day so please remind children of this if they are on the mud with shoes!

Tidy up / saying goodbye - At 12.50 you will hear a whistle signal for 'tidy up time' – please encourage children to tidy up and not continue to play if they are (they are very good but sometimes just want one more minute!). At just before 1pm we line up ready to come in to class. At the tidy up whistle you can say good bye to your child and at the end of lunch, make your way to the office to sign out.

We hope you enjoy your Opal experience – the children definitely do and we are sure you will see this for yourselves. If you have any feedback for us, please do leave it with the office - they have forms for you – and also share on your class whatsapp groups to encourage all parents to come in!

Have a great rest of your day

From all of us at Sissinghurst

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