

# Functional Pathway Information



## **WELCOME!**

Welcome to the Functional Pathway! Our aim is to provide all pupils with enriching experiences which will prepare them for adulthood. Our curriculum explores vocational studies from Hair and Beauty to Hospitality. Pupils achieve qualifications at every level through ASDAN, Duke of Edinburgh and some take Entry Level English and Maths. We continue to develop core learning skills with English, Maths, Science, Computing, RE and PSHE. It is also important to develop additional skills for life for example accessing public transport and developing independence in the home.

Below are a few details which are important for your child and to support us in running the pathway.

**Classes** Minton 1 Regency 2 Regency 1 Aynsley 2 Aynsley 1

## Uniform



It is important that standards of uniform continue in Functional. We may have more non-uniform days if the activities in the day are more suited to sportswear or 'messy clothes', however we will let the pupils and parents / carers know via dojo in these cases. Pupils can come into school on the day of their PE in their PE kit.

Functional pathway uniform:

Red Jumper or Cardigan or we are now offering pupils the option to wear one of the Duke of Edinburgh hoodies. Please see on their website. Alternatively plain black jumpers can be worn.

White shirt and tie or polo top

Grey or Black trousers or skirt

Black comfortable shoes



## Travel training and Bus Passes

In Functional we will be going on public transport throughout the year. All our pupils are entitled to a free bus pass due to their EHCP. It is important that pupils have this as soon as possible. School will request this in when the pupils will be going on a trip. This is not an application we can do in school due to the information they are requesting such as bills from home. The pass is free for the pupils however you can purchase a 'companion pass' for £15. This will entitle any adults such as yourselves and staff supporting free access to transport with your child. If a pupil does not have a bus pass we will require roughly £5 per journey when taking part in travel training.

[Concessionary Fares | Concessionary Fares Further Details \(stoke.gov.uk\)](#)

<https://www.stoke.gov.uk/xfp/form/1539>

**1) Passport size photo of your face**

**2) Please upload **one** of the following documents for **Proof of Identity**;**

- Birth certificate
- Driving licence
- Passport
- Prescription

**3) Please upload **one** of the following documents for **Proof of Address**;**

- Council tax bill (Valid for the current year)
- Household bill (Valid within the last 3 months)
- Prescription (Valid within the last 3 months)
- Bank statement (Valid within the last 3 months)
- Utility bill providing this shows the date of printing.

**4) Please upload **one** of the following documents for **Proof of Entitlement**;**

- Statement of special needs (stating severe learning difficulty)
- Letter from social worker stating you are registered with the local authority as having a learning disability.
- In some cases a letter from a specialist dated within the last three months may be accepted but must contain how your medical condition affects you.

**5) Please upload **one** of the following documents for **Proof of Entitlement** for your **companion pass**;**

- BD8, CVI form or certificate of registration with sensory loss team
- Higher rate care component of DLA
- High rate Attendance Allowance
- Full PIP award letter (6 points for 'making budgeting decisions' **AND** 8 points or more for 'planning and following a journey')

If you require a letter from school please message myself or Lisa Hughes the Head and we can supply this for you.

## **Parent pay**

As most of you are aware we are now mostly cashless when asking for money from home. This is the same process as paying for school lunches. You can get a log in from the office for our school parent pay.

We do a lot of cooking and food / snack preparation in the Functional pathway, we are asking for contributions towards food technology and other food and drink items which the pupils consume and use as part of their preparation for adulthood skills. This will be £5 per half term.

Trips and residential payments will also be on here and can be paid for gradually over the year rather than 1 payment.

## **Trips**

We will be sending out annual letters for permission for local and regular trips for example to the local shops, Tesco or Aldi. All other trips will be via letters sent home. Please return permission slips, these can only be signed by people who have PR (parental responsibility).

## **Post 16 transition**

As you know our learners leave us when they are 16 and move on to different colleges which have the most appropriate provision for their needs and aspirations. Transition for pupils begins in Year 10 and I would recommend that parents/ carers start to look into the different colleges available as soon as they start Year 10 so by they start of Year 11 we are able to make a placement decision.

If you have any questions about the Functional Pathway please contact me.

Emily Buttery – Pathway Lead